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Weighty topic

Coordinator Dartha Waldron and Area Captain Tony Angeloff will be on WBZZ-AM 1570, Alton, at 10 a.m. Tuesday to speak on what Take Off Pounds Sensibly does to help people lose weight. For additional information on TOPS, persons may call 797-0562.

Alcoholism film

The Edgewood Program at Edwardsville will present a free film and talk on "How Do You Know Whether Someone Is Alcoholic or Not?" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Community Coordinator Dan Duncan will explain mood-altering chemicals and tell how to recognize the symptoms of chemical dependency. Edgewood, 656-6730 or 1-800-438-6477, is at 1121 University Drive near the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville campus entrance.

Town meetings

U.S. Rep. Richard J. Durbin, D-Springfield, will hold a series of public "town meetings" to hear people's views on such issues as health care and the economy.

Durbin will be in Godfrey and Collinsville on Wednesday and Vandalia, Salem, Mount Vernon and Nashville on Saturday.

The meeting in Collinsville will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Collinsville Senior Center, 420 E. Main St.

Inside

Warrior matmen improve to 11-0

The Granite City High School wrestling team won its 11th straight dual meet of the season by defeating Belleville East 46-12 on Friday night. Meanwhile, the Warrior basketball teams split with Collinsville. The boys team lost to the Kahoks 60-33, and the Lady Warriors won their Southwestern Conference rivals 47-28. Page 1B

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25 years ago Jan. 11, 1968

The director of the local Social Security office announced that recipients would receive an increase of at least 13 percent, beginning in March. The minimum benefit increases from \$44 to \$55 per month, the average from \$86 to \$98, and the average for a couple from \$145 to \$165.

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Ticket blitz downtown Alderman's complaint leads to 25 tickets

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

When asked about a particular restaurant, baseball legend and native St. Louisan Yogi Berra reportedly replied, "Nobody goes there because it's too crowded."

Alderman Jim Miller, chairman of the Granite City Council's Downtown Committee, said he was reminded of the "Yogi-ism" by the current parking problem in the city's central business district.

"I guess you could now say that nobody goes downtown because there is no place to park," Miller said Friday. Miller was referring to the fact that the Granite City Police Department issued 25 parking tickets in the central business district Thursday, mostly for violations of two-hour parking ordinances.

While enforcement of the parking ordinances downtown has been somewhat lax of late, Police Chief Don Knight said the tickets were issued Thursday at the request of an alderman. The alderman had been contacted by downtown business owners who complained that potential customers have no place to park.

"This is one of the best problems I've had to deal with since I was elected," Miller said, referring to the logical conclusion that, if there is a problem finding parking spaces,

then somebody must be doing business downtown.

The city eliminated the use of parking meters in the downtown area about five years ago, after business owners complained that the penny-operated meters drove potential customers to do business elsewhere.

But now, Miller said, business owners' chief complaint is that employees utilize the available parking spaces, leaving no place for potential customers to park.

"We have received complaints of employees of one business parking in front of, or across the street from, or around the corner from another business," Miller said.

While the apparently robust activity in the central business district is good news, Miller said, something must be done to solve the parking dilemma.

He said Neighborhood Coordinator David Williams is gathering parking data to determine if a survey of downtown business owners is necessary.

He also said that some of the poles from the old parking meters are still standing, and that new meter "heads" could

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Miller

Voloski in mayoral race in Madison

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Pledging "safety for all Madison residents," former Madison police officer Tom Voloski has announced he will run for mayor.

Incumbent Mayor John Bellcoff and Alderman John Hamm have also announced their candidacies in the race.

As the endorsed Republican candidate, Voloski was an unsuccessful candidate for Madison County sheriff in 1988 and an unsuccessful candidate for state representative in 1990. He has never held elective office.

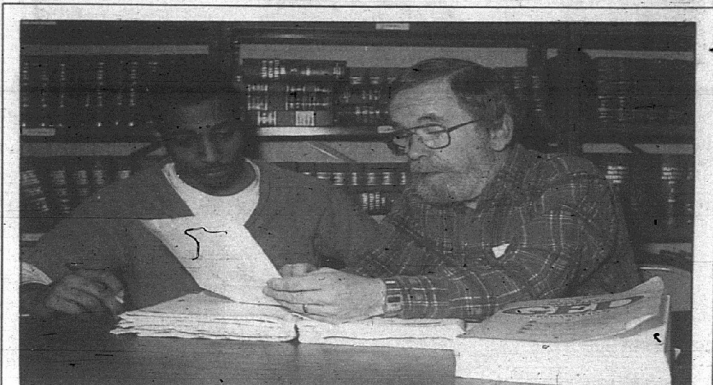
"It's time to make a change in the Madison mayor's office,"

Voloski said. "The city has had too many years of lackadaisical leadership and judgment in city financial and vital service matters."

Among Voloski's plans if elected are:

- Promote active participation by all school-aged children in drug awareness programs.
- Provide more police involvement and arrests in areas of the city identified as having illegal drug activity.
- Establish activity programs for all residents with an emphasis on programs designed to give young citizens a constructive alternative to hanging out on the streets.
- Appoint a financial adviser for the city.

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Madison County Jail inmate Jeffery Yates, left, gets some extra help from tutor Mike McNally.

Hitting the books Jail inmates working for diplomas

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

They are black and white, male and female. The crimes they are charged with range from forgery to first-degree murder.

But nine inmates at the Madison County Jail have a common goal: furthering their education. Through a program sponsored by the Glen-Ed Pantry/Community Learning Center, inmates can earn or work toward a General Educational Development equivalency certificate.

The jail education program, which began in

December 1990, is taught by Mike McNally of Edwardsville.

"It is proof beyond a doubt that there really are such things as inmate rehabilitation and second chances at life for people who have made mistakes and have the will to redeem themselves," McNally said.

McNally, who is working toward a master's degree at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, is also the GED tutor for the learning center at the Glen-Ed Pantry.

Although most inmates do not stay at the jail (See INMATES, 8A)



Tom Voloski

• Ban leaf burning and have an alternative leaf disposal program in place by next fall.

• Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act by renovating City Hall and other city buildings in order to provide unobstructed access.

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Miles to seek third term as supervisor

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Chouteau Township Supervisor Morris Miles has announced he will seek re-election April 20.

Miles, who has held the office for eight years, said his recent retirement from Pepsi-Cola Co. will allow him to be "a full-time supervisor whose single purpose will be to serve the people of Chouteau Township and make Chouteau Township an even better place to live."

"I believe in operating within our means and have ended each of the last eight years with a small surplus of (township) funds," he said.

"One teacher told me, 'It's pretty bad when we're teaching from a book that says someday we may land a man on the moon,'" she said.

It didn't take Thebeau long to find out she was not the only one who was upset by the old text-

phant and growth for the entire area."

In addition to township supervisor, Miles represented the Chouteau area as its Madison County Board member for 12 years. He ended his term on the board last month after being defeated in last year's Democratic primary by Tim Knott.

Miles retired from Pepsi on Dec. 1. During his 30 years with the firm, he held a variety of management positions.

"I think my experience with the Madison County Board,"

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Miles

Madison hires new policeman

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Madison hired a new police officer Tuesday despite the city's "financial emergency" that led to layoffs and cutbacks for employees of other city departments last month.

Mayor John Bellcoff said that, under the current contract with the police union, the city required to fill all police officer vacancies.

He said the cost of salary and benefits for a new officer is actually slightly less than the projected cost of overtime and sick leave needed to operate the department with one less officer.

The City Council voted unanimously to concur with the Board of Police Commissioners' appointment of Gerald D. Paul of Granite City as a police officer.

Paul is expected to attend the police academy in February.

"I've heard the comments on the street that I laid off street department employees in order to give the police a raise," Bellcoff said. "I want you to know it will not be my choice to give the police a raise. We presented our case (on a new police contract)

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Parkview Principal Nancy Marti displays 20-year-old science textbooks that schools want replaced. Updated material and books surrounding Marti have been purchased or earned mostly by teachers or the school's PTA or has been donated to the school.

Old textbooks anger parents

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Bernadette Thebeau was shocked when she found out the science and health textbooks used by her daughter, a second grade student in Granite City, were more than 20 years old.

"One teacher told me, 'It's pretty bad when we're teaching from a book that says someday we may land a man on the moon,'" she said.

It didn't take Thebeau long to find out she was not the only one who was upset by the old text-

books. In a two-week period, she collected more than 700 signatures of concerned citizens — including parents, teachers and school administrators — who want to "correct textbook deficiencies" in the school district.

The problem, Thebeau discovered, is with the Illinois Textbook Loan Program — a state program designed to provide local school districts with textbooks in lieu of direct monetary aid.

"It was a pretty sound idea,"

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Text material is updated

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

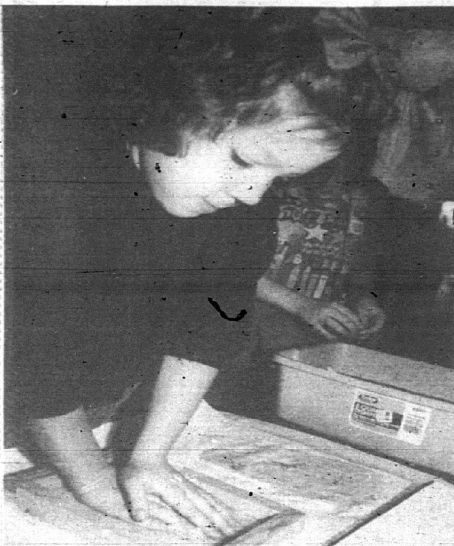
Twenty-year-old science books don't mean elementary students in Granite City are being taught outdated material.

"All of our teachers augment the books with current material," said Richard Brinkhoff, director of elementary education.

"It is an added burden for our teachers, one they shouldn't have to bear, but none of our teachers are just passing along outdated material."

If teachers are teaching updated material, are up-to-date textbooks really that important? Yes, said Dr. Cindy Moore, an expert on science education curriculum with the Biology Department at Washington University in St. Louis. She has worked with a number of area

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(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)



Making paper — Kindergarten students in Shirley Johnson's class learned how to make their own paper by recycling shredded paper. In top left photo, Emily Smallman sponges the excess water from the newly made paper. In top right photo, Johnson helps Kyle Joyce to put the mixture of water and shredded paper into the mold. In photo at left, Ashley Finch carefully turns the mold over to remove with the wet paper so it will dry.

St. Clair County spared Hepatitis A epidemic

By Jim Haverstick
Staff writer

St. Clair County seems to have been spared the Hepatitis A epidemic affecting the St. Louis area.

While St. Louis health officials reported about 800 cases in 1992, St. Clair County officials reported fewer than 50 cases. (Figures

for Madison County, were unavailable; the county has no health department.)

"It really has not been a problem this year," said Ebby Knebel, director of nurses for the East Side Health district. "At least it wasn't anything like St. Louis."

East Side Health District reported 38 cases in 1992.

The St. Clair County Health Department, which covers the other 14 townships in the county reported only 11 cases this year.

There were no cases reported in November or December and only two cases reported in October, according to St. Clair County Health Department records. Knebel said after an outbreak of the virus in this area two

years ago health officials quickly educated teachers, service organizations and food service workers on how to prevent the spread of Hepatitis A.

"Our numbers have been fairly stable in the last two years," said Larry McCulley, health promotions coordinator for the county health department.

Police log

Granite City

Tavern-dispute arrest

Dennis M. Pigg, 38, of the 4000 block of Bruene Avenue, was arrested at 9:52 p.m. Jan. 1 for domestic battery.

A witness told police that Pigg hit his wife in the face in an incident at the Wayside Tavern, 2160 Washington Ave. Pigg was lodged pending \$107 cash bail.

Woman, man charged

Laura J. Scarborough, 33, and Joseph M. Brunch, 28, both of the 2400 block of Grand Avenue, were arrested at 12:17 p.m. Jan. 1 and each charged with domestic battery.

Scarborough told police that Brunch hit her on the face and chest. Brunch told police that Scarborough hit him on the face and back.

Thrown against wall

Tony D. Fizer, 22, of the 3100 block of West 20th Street, was arrested at 7:31 a.m. Jan. 1 for domestic battery. Tammy Crawford, 23, told police that Fizer hit her in the eye with his fist and threw her against a wall. Fizer was lodged pending \$107 bail.

Order-violation arrest

Jerry McKinley Watson, 27, of the 900 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, was arrested at 3:09 a.m. Jan. 5 for violating an order of protection.

Watson is alleged to have harassed a resident of the 2900 block of Harding Boulevard who has a valid order of protection from him.

DUI, 2 other charges

Rick Lee Walden, 39, of Pokka, Ind., was arrested at 1:45 a.m. Jan. 5 for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage and driving while his license is revoked.

An officer reported seeing a black 1983 Ford Ranger pickup truck being driven erratically in the 2700 block of Madison Avenue, nearly striking a squad car.

Walden took three field sobriety tests, declined to take a breath analysis test and was charged.

Weapon charges filed

Randall S. Dioneda, 29, of the 2500 block of Parkview Apartments, was arrested at the Tip Top Tavern at 10:46 p.m. Jan. 5 for unlawful use of a weapon and failure to possess a firearm owner's identification card.

An officer responding to the tavern in reference to a man with a gun reported finding a .25-caliber Beretta handgun, with a live round in the chamber and seven rounds in the clip, in Dioneda's jacket pocket.

Dioneda was lodged pending \$214 cash bail.

St. Clair County felonies down

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

For the first time in at least five years, the number of felony cases has dropped in St. Clair County, said State's Attorney Bob Haida.

In 1991, his office filed felony charges in 1,537 different cases. By Wednesday, 1,373 cases had been filed for 1992, a difference of more than 150 cases.

Haida said felonies have increased steadily over the last few years partially because of the additional emphasis placed on conquering drug sales. Although no specific figures are in, he said he felt 1992 had been a little slower.

"It's my impression that we have had fewer drug cases because drug dealers have changed their mode of operation," he said. "We don't have as many street corner drug sales anymore."

In addition, he said extensive police action has discouraged many from risking jail time by openly dealing drugs.

Lt. Robert Henry of the East St. Louis DELTA team said the same thing nearly two months ago.

When the team began operation more than 18 months ago, they made more than 1,000 arrests in a short period of time, he said. "We've been persistent in getting them off the streets, but we now have some gone into the drug houses. That will be our second phase of attack," Henry said.

Haida agreed the change in drug dealers' work will call for a change in police work.

"It's much more difficult to keep drug dealers out of the house. It'll take more resources and police officers may need a new strategy. They may have to go back to methods they were using before," he said.

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EPA seeking \$125,000 fine for alleged landfill violations

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is proposing a \$125,000 fine of Waste Management of Illinois for alleged wetlands violations at the Milam Landfill in Madison in 1990.

But Division President Jim Nold of Milam Recycling and Disposal, the subsidiary of Waste Management Inc. that runs the landfill, said he was shocked by news of the proposed fine.

"It's a complete shock and surprise to us," Nold said Monday. "We felt over the past two years in working through the restoration of the wetlands, we'd done everything to the satisfaction of the Corps of Engineers and the EPA."

EPA spokesman Phillip Cannon said the proposed fine stems from an incident in August 1990, when Milam Recycling and Disposal allegedly discharged 32,500 cubic yards of crushed rock and soil onto 3.6

acres of wetlands next to Old Cahokia Creek.

The rock and soil were moved to make a road to haul earth from the Fairmont Conservation Area. Nold said the area involved is on the south side of Interstate 55/70, across the highway from the landfill itself.

Cannon said the material was unlikely to contaminate drinking water or endanger public health. But the violation still was serious, according to Regional Director Dale S. Bryson of the EPA's Water Division.

Waste Management of Illinois should be aware of the requirements of the Clean Water Act, and there is no excuse for this company or its subsidiary ignoring wetlands regulations, Bryson said in the press release.

EPA has proposed a substantial fine in order to counteract any financial gain the company may have received by damaging the wetland, the release states.

The proposed fine is the maximum allowed under the Clean Water Act. The act requires that

the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issue a permit before any waters in the United States, including wetlands, are filled.

"They were ordered to restore the wetland in August of 1991," Cannon said. "They have verified to the EPA that they've done so. This administrative complaint now is just an administrative thing to set a fine for the violation."

Nold said Monday that Milam has spent a considerable amount of money and effort to restore the wetlands area where the alleged violation took place.

"We agreed to remove the gravel, and we have reseeded and replanted the wetland with native species," Nold said.

"I'm hopeful that there is just a misunderstanding here between the people we were dealing with before, and the people who issued this statement," he said.

Cannon said the U.S. EPA will meet with Waste Management to negotiate pertaining the amount of the fine.

Cancer patient says he didn't accept dangers of cigarettes

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

A man suing a tobacco company because he got lung cancer after more than 30 years of smoking said Thursday he didn't believe doctors when they said smoking could cause cancer.

Charles Kuiper of Cahokia repeatedly said he knew "it wasn't good to smoke." However, he said he continued to smoke until shortly before he was diagnosed with cancer in December 1990.

"He said he quit then because he had developed a 'constant cough' in the latter part of November that led him to seek medical help."

"I've tried to smoke since I quit because I get the urge for one, but I haven't smoked a complete cigarette. I don't like the taste of it," he said.

Kuiper, 51, is suing R.J. Reynolds Inc., the Tobacco Institute and Reese Drug Store of Cahokia where he said he often

bought his cigarettes. He is seeking monetary damages in what is a nationally-watched civil case.

"It's true that I heard throughout my life that cigarettes were unhealthy, but I can't say I believed that because there was so much contradiction," Kuiper said during cross examination by R.J. Reynolds attorney Paul Crist.

Kuiper said both his parents smoked when he was growing up in Springfield, Ill., but discouraged him. His mother punished him once when she caught him with cigarettes, he said.

"I had an understanding to the point that smoking would stunt your growth and make it hard to breathe," he said.

Although he said he tried at least 10 times in his life to quit smoking, Kuiper said, he had not been successful for more than 24 hours at any time.

He described his military duty and how infantry teams sometimes went overnight without

smoking because of missions. During those short cessations, he would inevitably pick up another cigarette the next day, he said.

"I have thrown a half pack of cigarettes away because I wanted to quit, but before the day was over with, I would have bought another pack," Kuiper said. "It's not that easy to quit."

To win the lawsuit, Kuiper's attorney Bruce Cook must convince jurors that the tobacco industry conspired to encourage people to smoke even though they knew it could be a health hazard.

Crist, however, said in opening statements that Kuiper was a natural risk-taker who was excited by danger. He pointed to Kuiper's military service as a Green Beret and his post-war job as a truck driver who hauled dangerous chemicals.

"There's always risk in everything you do, including smoking," Kuiper testified Thursday.

John Connors resigns Belle post

John Connors has jumped ship and resigned as chief operating officer of the Alton Belle Riverboat Casino.

Connors, who will retain his 25 percent stake in the gambling partnership, called his decision announced to employees Thursday a "brilliant business move."

Connors said he quit because he planned "explosive expansion" of the Alton Riverboat Gambling Partnership Inc. into gambling operations in St. Louis and New Orleans requires a chief operating officer with more gaming experience.

"The success of a man is to know his limitations, and I know mine," Connors said. "There are a lot of people who know how to work on cars, but that doesn't mean they're Lee Iacocca and can run a major corporation."

"We built this company from the ground up, and we're going public in the very near future. With the public offering and corporate structure, I felt I was not sophisticated enough to do the

job right. I've only been doing it for a year and a half."

The partnership filed a request Dec. 18 with the federal Securities Exchange Commission for approval to register and sell more than \$4.6 million shares of stock in a new holding company, Argosy Gaming Co. The SEC decision is expected in February.

Argosy would own the Alton Belle operation, hold a majority interest in a proposed \$20 million riverboat gambling complex in New Orleans and be involved in a joint-venture for a planned fixed-base casino on the St. Louis riverfront.

The partnership has hired Steve Norton, a veteran gambling executive from Las Vegas, as its new chief operating officer. He has more than 35 years' experience in the gambling business, Connors said.

Norton, 55, is a former president of The Sands casino in Las Vegas and has worked at several resorts and casinos, including

some in Atlantic City, N.J.

He's a corporate, CEO type who is astute in legislative matters," Connors said. "He knows the business inside out."

Norton will take over in Alton Tuesday, said J. Thomas Long, the partnership's chief financial officer.

Long praised Connors' decision. "It was a very unselfish decision. As always, John Connors is a gentleman who puts the welfare of the business first. We've been just so very proud he's worked with us. He's still our partner, and I look forward to working with him, just in a different capacity."

— From the Alton Telegraph

Fund started to aid child

The friends and family of a five-month-old Granite City boy who is awaiting an organ transplant are seeking help with the child's medical expenses.

Ronald Scott Baker was born July 26 with a liver deficiency. He is currently a patient at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and his name is at the top of a list of those waiting for a donated organ.

Jaundiced at birth, Ronald was hospitalized Dec. 27 and underwent an operation for a double hernia. He then caught pneumonia, and doctors subsequently discovered the liver problem, said Anna Brimm, his grandmother.

Ronald was in intensive care for four days, and now rests in a private room. His mother quit her job in order to stay with him.

Even after a donor is found for Ronald, medical costs are expected to be astronomical—between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

A special fund has been established to assist Ronald's family with the bills.

Donations may be sent to: Ronald Scott Baker Liver Transplant Fund, care of Central Bank, 2400 Madison Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

Ronald is the son of Christine Moore and Ronnie Baker of the 2850 block of Iowa Street.

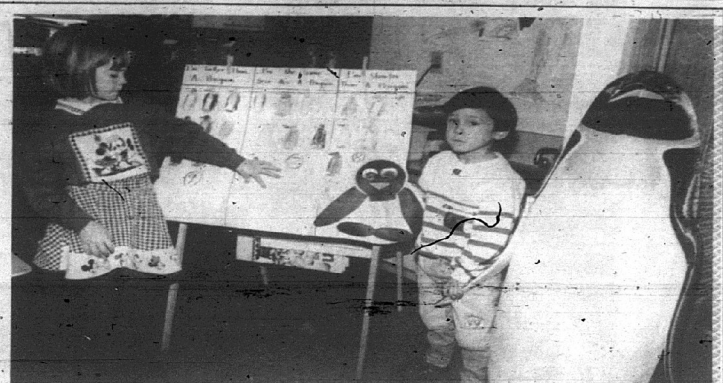
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Measuring up — Kindergarten students in Joyce Tracy's class at Parkview School learn about counting and measuring by measuring each other against an Emperor penguin, which is the height of the average five-year-old. At left, Rebecca Martin places a penguin on the board as Charlie Mosier waits his turn to be measured.

Wait is over: Elvis stamps go on sale

By Ann-Marie Campos
Staff writer

Elvis Presley fans didn't mind if anyone stepped on their blue suede shoes while standing in lines at area post offices to purchase commemorative stamps of the rock 'n' roll legend Friday.

The stamps were made available nationwide Friday at 12:01 p.m. after Elvis fans urged "Don't Be Cruel" to the U.S. Postal Office.

Although the stamps weren't supposed to be released until that time, employees at a post office in Amarillo, Texas, accidentally sold some

a week early.

Normally, postage stamps are sold only in their city of issuance on the first day of issue. At Graceland, in Memphis, Tenn., the commemorative stamps went on sale at 12:01 a.m. Friday.

The Elvis stamp kicks off the postal service's "Legend of American Music Series," featuring great performers from all genres of American music as well as marking what would have been the 58th birthday of the King of rock 'n' roll.

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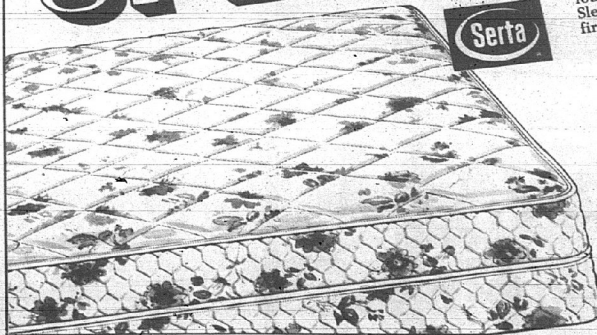
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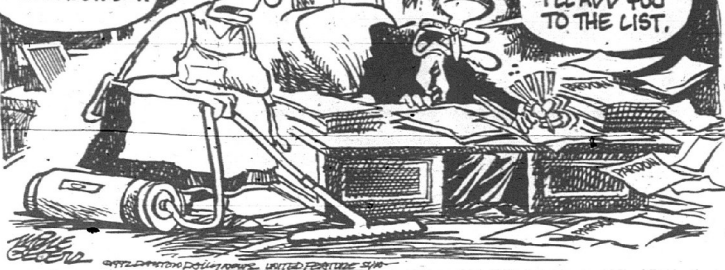
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Case for a land-based casino center is outlined

(The following opinion piece is reprinted from the Springfield Journal Register.)

Despite objections raised from some quarters, including the Governor's Mansion in Springfield, with some needed adjustments to the proposed legislation, we can see little reason why the Illinois legislature should not approve land-based casino gambling in Chicago.

We might feel differently if there were not already riverboat casinos operating in Illinois. However, now that one form of casino gambling is allowed in the state — and, if you believe the operators, apparently is increasing tax revenues, creating jobs and drawing out-of-state tourists in those areas where the riverboats are operating — it seems only logical to grant Chicago the opportunity to cash in on the potential boon that a land-based casino and entertainment complex could represent.

The proposal to build the \$2 billion Chicago International Entertainment Center has been put forward by Circus Circus Enterprises Inc., Caesar's World Inc., the Hilton Hotels Corp. and a fourth, yet to be determined, partner.

The family entertainment features, the developers say, would comprise about 80 percent of the project and would include high-tech rides and attractions like those at the Universal Studios theme park near Orlando, Fla., a mid-sized sports and performing arts center and other similar attractions designed to appeal to those who may have no interest whatever in gambling.

In fact, they say, the casinos

would be tucked away in a specially designated area of the complex away from the more family-oriented entertainment.

One of the nation's most reputable accounting and financial analysis firms, Arthur Andersen and Co., conducted an economic impact study for the developers and concluded, among other things, that the complex would generate up to 65,000 permanent jobs, 18,000 within the center, paying an average of \$26,000 to \$30,000 annually in wages and benefits, and 48,000 off-site economic spinoff positions.

The study also estimates there would be another 37,000 direct and indirect jobs created during the two to three years it would take to construct the facility.

According to the Andersen study, the entertainment and gambling complex could attract as many as 10 million new tourists annually to the Chicago area — people who would spend money outside, as well as within, the casino complex.

This could mean that, in addition to boosting the Chicago area economy with the millions of dollars in added tourist spending, the complex could generate millions of dollars a year in new tax revenues — from sales, income, gaming, hotel and motel, real estate and other taxes — for state and local government coffers.

As part of the legislation allowing the Chicago casino project, the developers call for the establishment of a \$1 billion fund to be supported by tax revenue generated by the casinos — that would go to remodel, renovate and upgrade equipment and technologies at school systems throughout the state.

Although this sounds good, we should not be misled into thinking that this will solve the prob-

lem of school funding in Illinois, even though it might provide some needed funds to school districts.

All of this argues well in favor of giving a legislative green light to the development plans.

Looking at the flip-side, the arguments against approval of the Chicago International Entertainment Center put forward by an odd collection of bedfellows — ministers, riverboat casino operators, horse racing industry forces, some government officials — are disjointed and don't really stand up.

Let's look at the arguments against from the three major opposition groups — other gaming interests, law enforcement and those who question the morality of gambling.

Of all the opposing arguments, that made by the race track and riverboat casino operators is probably the thinnest, and it seems based largely on fear of competition.

The riverboat operators say a casino complex in Chicago could kill their fledgling operations. The race track operators say land-based casinos could cut into their profits at a time when track attendance across much of the nation is already slipping.

Peering through the gossamer of these arguments, what they really are saying is that they have their pieces of the action and don't want anyone else horn-ing in. We can understand, but not fully sympathize with, their position.

State Police Superintendent Terry Gainer, leading the law enforcement assault, contends a casino complex would result in a higher rate of crime in the Chicago area — more muggings, more auto burglaries, more hotel

break-ins, etc. When pressed, Gainer acknowledged that the same thing — although to a possibly lesser degree — would be true if an entertainment center of this size, but lacking a gambling component, was built in the Chicago area; he would oppose it? It would be hypocritical to do otherwise.

Of all the opponents, those who object on moral grounds are probably the most sincere. However, they are just a little bit late and perhaps had better come to grips with the fact that gambling is already a fact of life in Illinois with race tracks, off-track betting parlors, riverboat casinos and a state-run lottery in operation. Are these forms of gambling less immoral than land-based casinos?

In recommending that the legislature allow the developers to move forward with the casino-entertainment center, we suggest they include a provision that would prevent Chicago area hotels and other would-be operators from jumping the gun by opening casinos in advance of the three to four years it supposedly will take to get the complex up and running. This would allow the riverboat and horse race industries to make adjustments to meet the coming competition.

In addition, we would like to see the legislation crafted so that the amassing of the proposed \$1 billion fund for schools is an inescapable reality that would not be offset by a decrease in school funding from the state general fund — again keeping in mind that this project is not a tonic for what ails school funding in this state.

Shocking 'Home Alone' case in Chicago suburb

(The following weekly column is written by Carol Clarkin.)

Like a lot of other people, my initial reaction when the news story of the "Home Alone" children in the Chicago area first broke was disbelief.

After all, no one leaves 9- and 4-year-old kids alone and treks off to the Mexican beach.

The kids are confused, somehow. Any minute now, a baby sitter, delayed somehow, will put in an appearance.

Better yet, a flustered, embarrassed and worried set of parents will reappear on the scene with a plausible explanation for a brief absence.

A valid reason for that absence from the home, some sort of unexpected emergency, doubtless.

But it didn't happen.

The little 9-year-old girl wasn't confused at all. Mom and Pop Schoo really did head to sunny Acapulco for a happy Christmas holiday.

Then, they were on TV news, deploring at O'Hare in handcuffs and escorted by police, arrested as soon as their plane set down. Pop Schoo appeared to be a trifle downcast, head bowed, embarrassed, humiliated, maybe.

Mom looked like the Ice Queen — a well-tanned one, of course — and very annoyed.

Neither had any statement for reporters, quite naturally, and somehow I doubt if their first words to the arresting officers were, "How're the kids?"

Subsequent to the well publicized arrests, America has been treated to a great deal of information about the Schoo family, much of which has yet to be verified.

The couple's attorney has told the press, in so many words, that when the whole truth comes out, we're all going to be surprised; things are not what they seem.

Police have been close-mouthed except to say they were unable to find a phone number for the Mexican hotel, left in case of an emergency so that the older child could call them during their vacation.

But they did find a note telling the child that the two were to eat two meals a day only — cold cereal for breakfast and microwave dinners for their evening meals.

But rumors abound.

Neighbors in the apparently affluent suburban area in which the Schoo Tudor-style home is set well back from the street are now remembering that the older child wasn't allowed to wait for the school bus at the regular stop or play with their own children. Some of them were surprised to learn that there were two children in the home; they don't recall seeing the younger child at all.

The Schoos had a swimming pool but never used it. Pop Schoo mowed the grass after dark.

Rumor also has it that the vacation-without-kids in Mexico isn't a first.

Reportedly the children were left home alone for several days last summer while Mom and Pop went to Massachusetts.

A family member volunteered to sit the children over the Christmas holiday, but Mom refused, saying arrangements had already been made.

Pop lost his pharmacist's license for stealing Valium.

So far, rumors — but the law must have an ace or two in the hole, since the case is to be brought before a grand jury soon.

What is already apparent, though, is that two small children, were, indeed, abandoned. And neglected.

One can hope, for their sakes, that physical abuse wasn't part of their lives with Mom and Pop — psychological abuse goes without saying.

We tend to tut-tut when we read of a family of children who die in an inner-city house fire while Mom and Dad — or perhaps only Mom — are out whooping it up, or visiting a neighbor.

But we're shocked when children of upper middle class parents, living in attractive suburban homes, are left unsupervised and uncared for, not overnight but for over a week.

It can happen here, we learn.

Shame on us for assuming otherwise.

Mom and Pop Schoo have given new meaning to the term "dysfunctional family."

These may not have been latchkey kids, but they might just as well have been.

Mom was no June Cleaver, for sure.

The new baby elephant at the St. Louis Zoo is receiving more tender loving care than the Schoo children have possibly ever had in their lives.

Treat alcohol and drug addicts now to save funds later

TO THE EDITOR: The attention of the Illinois General Assembly, and much of the state, has been focused lately on controversies surrounding gambling.

Should Chicago become the Las Vegas of the Midwest?

Are riverboat casinos and race tracks in jeopardy if it does?

Well, in the midst of all this hoopla, there are other issues to be dealt with.

Members of the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association, including Piasa Health Care, have been working to restore \$1.3 million for treatment funding to the Illinois budget.

This money was vetoed by Gov. Edgar last summer as part of his effort to resolve the state's fiscal crisis.

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By T.W. MILLER



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Pat Hillmer, Granite City
"That 1993 has got to be better than 1992, because I got my car stolen last year."



Lupe Lewis, Granite City
"That I'm going to have a happy marriage."



Clethel Brown, Venice
"I hope they would tell me I was going to have good luck in 1993."

Auxiliary raises \$91,000 for Anderson

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

At a banquet tomorrow night, the Anderson Hospital Auxiliary will turn over a check for about \$91,000 to hospital administrators.

That's a lot of bake sales — and salad luncheons, and card parties, and flea markets. Auxiliary President Phyllis Harrold said the group is pleased with the amount of money raised during 1992. The amount is the most ever. But she said it was just business as usual for the auxiliary, which has been active since Anderson opened its doors 16 years ago last week.

"Last year (1991) we raised \$85,000," said Harrold, of Collinsville. "And we were just elated that we could outdo that." The auxiliary's gift shop, located near the entrance of the hospital, accounted for about \$26,000 of the money raised last year, Harrold said. Other fund raisers included the annual Christmas bazaar, selling refreshments at band concerts and working inventory at Famous-Barr.

Even so, fund raising is only a part of the auxiliary's mission. Harrold said the group also racked up 26,781 volunteer hours in the hospital during 1992 — a 16 percent increase from 1991 — as well as "countless hours" outside the hospital.

Auxiliary volunteers perform a wide variety of tasks from working in the gift shop to helping in the Emergency Room to delivering meals to wheel-

patients between departments.

"Our auxiliary has done an outstanding job of serving Anderson Hospital in 1992 through both volunteer hours and fund raising," Administrator William Hurteau said Friday. "They are an integral part of our organization, providing patients and the hospital with an invaluable service."

Hurteau said the \$91,000 raised by the auxiliary will be used to help buy equipment for various clinical areas of the hospital.

Harrold said the auxiliary requested that some of the money be spent on several new

wheelchairs for the hospital lobby.

One long-time gift shop volunteer, Helen Meikamp of Edwardsville, has produced 145 handmade baby afghans since 1989.

Harrold said another woman makes tray favors for patients on holidays; she included a poem that she composed and a corsage on Mother's Day.

"I love working in the gift shop," Meikamp said. "I'm from Collinsville originally, and I get to see people that I haven't seen for ages."

Harrold, Meikamp and Sestina

Werner, another volunteer, all said they decided to volunteer after retiring.

"I thought this would give me something to do," Werner said. "I enjoy being around people, and knowing that you're able to help people in some way."

The auxiliary currently has 290 members, of whom 177 are active workers, Harrold said. She said most are women of retirement age, but the group also has some men and younger people.

Anyone interested in joining the Anderson Hospital Auxiliary should call the hospital's volunteer office at 288-5711, ext. 418.

Haine opposing parole for murderer

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine has recommended against parole for convicted murderer George Hane, describing him as one of the most dangerous men ever to walk the streets of the county.

Haine "has a complete and utter disregard for human life," Haine said in a letter to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board, which will hold a parole hearing for Hane Feb. 24.

Hane, 70, formerly of Bethalto, is serving a 40-to-80-year prison term for the poisoned-doughnut murder of his father, Herman Hane of Alton, in 1976. Hane was convicted in 1978 and was last denied parole in February 1992.

Hane also was charged with murder in the 1971 death of

Katie Roessel.

Roessel's body was exhumed in 1977 and it was found that she was poisoned with thallium, the same substance used to murder Herman Hane.

Prosecutors later dropped the charge in the Roessel case, explaining that prosecution would be costly, and noted that Hane probably would spend the rest of his life in prison.

In 1983, Hane was charged along with his wife, Gloria Hane, with conspiring to murder Hane's sister and her husband in a plot to get Hane

released from prison.

Authorities said a fellow prisoner, recruited by Hane to kill Francis and Marjorie Price of Alton, instead disclosed the plot to authorities.

The plot called for the man to force Marjorie Price to write a phony suicide note in which she would confess to Herman Hane's murder.

Gloria Hane was sentenced to three years' probation after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit murder. George Hane was never tried in that case.

—From the Alton Telegraph



Charlie Juneau, left, and Joe Juneau of Juneau and Associates Engineering firm proudly accept the silver cup which accompanied the Granite City Park District's Appreciation Award for the firm's "unselfish work on the Fitness Trail."

Park board honors firm

The Board of Park Commissioners for the Granite City Park District awarded Juneau and Associates its 1992 Appreciation Award during the board's annual Sports Award Banquet on Nov. 19.

The award presented to Joe Juneau was for the volunteer services provided by Juneau and Associates in making the long-awaited fitness trail around Wilson Park a reality in 1992.

In presenting the Park Board's 1992 Appreciation Award, Mr. Ron Motil, park commissioner, said, "When it seemed the project (the fitness trail) was about to stall, the engineering firm of Juneau and Associates took an aggressive role and put together a comprehensive plan including specifications and bid documents."

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Key appropriations post for Rep. Durbin

By Rosalynne Hartley
of Copy News Service

U.S. Rep. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield, will play a greater role as gatekeeper for farm funding after his selection as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on agriculture.

"What it means is I will have a voice in deciding where federal dollars will be spent on farm programs, and all appropriations for the United States Department of Agriculture that go through this subcommittee," Durbin said.

Fellow Democrats on the subcommittee selected Durbin recently for the post, to replace ailing Rep. James Whitten, D-Miss.

The subcommittee oversees \$2.5 billion in spending by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Farm Credit Administration and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, as well as the USDA.

Len Gardner, director of governmental affairs for the Illinois Farm Bureau, said the chairmanship is an important one. "You can authorize all kinds of programs, but unless you get the appropriation to carry them out, it doesn't mean a thing."

Durbin had a high-profile role as a farm advocate this past year, lobbying for a waiver for corn-based ethanol from pending Clean Air Act regulations. However, Durbin said he does not see his role as supporting whatever farm groups want.

"Someone asked me if my responsibility will be to protect agriculture programs," said Durbin. "I view it more as promoting those programs that help farmers and ranchers, and taking the time to find out which ones don't and making a decision based on that."

Gardner said Illinois farmers will react favorably to Durbin's selection, but non-farmers should

be assured he will see that their tax dollars are spent wisely.

"He's not just a guy who's interested in getting a project here or a project there," Gardner said. "Dick will do a good job. It's evident to me he takes it seriously and will attempt to make sure the taxpayers get a dollar's worth for every dollar spent."

The first step for the committee will be reviewing President-elect Bill Clinton's budget when it is submitted in early 1993, Durbin said. "We're anxiously awaiting that."

The subcommittee does not deal with the budget for the massive Forest Service, which remains part of the USDA despite several abortive attempts to shift it to the Department of the Interior.

The budget for forestry is already under the appropriations subcommittee that oversees Interior, Durbin said, "and it does seem a natural fit."

However, Durbin said he would not form a definite position on moving forestry itself out of the USDA until after congressional hearings are held.

Durbin added he would oppose any move to shift food assistance programs including food stamps, school lunch programs and WIC (women, infants and children) out of the Department of Agriculture.

The chairmanship makes Durbin part of the so-called "college of cardinals" in the House, the 13 appropriations subcommittee chairmen who have a greater-than-equal say in where federal money goes.

"With Republican presidents, we Democrats have usually been in the role of loyal opposition," Durbin said.

"I think Democrats have a greater sense of unity and cooperation than they have in a long time. I'm anxious to work with the Clinton administration."

Edgar honors Take Pride in America winners

Gov. Jim Edgar recently recognized 17 state winners of the seventh annual Take Pride in America awards program for their achievements in promoting conservation and environmental awareness.

Local winners include: Illinois Rivers Project, Edwardsville, educational institutions category, this project, coordinated through Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, involves high school science, social science and English teachers in an integrated study of their local river an community.

Science teachers and students conduct

water quality tests; social science teachers and their classes evaluate the cultural and historical impact of the river, along with its relationship to water quality; English teachers and their classes process the information into a collection of writings that span all aspects of river life.

Currently, 150 schools are involved in the project. It won national honors last year.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Carlyle Lake, federal government category. More than 250 children and 20 adult volunteers participated in the first ever two-day camp at Carlyle Lake focusing on envi-

ronmental topics such as recycling, fisheries, endangered animals and ecology.

It was sponsored in part by a dozen local businesses and organizations.

"These projects are further proof that volunteerism and pride in this state are alive and well," the governor said. "They are outstanding examples of what the Take Pride in America program is all about. I am particularly pleased so many schools are participating in the program and instilling a strong conservation ethic in our youth."



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Tire-reclaiming firm looks for greener pastures

A \$9 million tire-reclaiming business proposed by Chuck Morris of Collinsville may be looking for another home since Wood River City Council members took the welcome mat.

The council stopped short of voting for a package Jan. 4 that would have brought Reclaim Manufacturing Co.'s new plant and up to 20 union jobs to town. The firm was to anchor an environmental park at Illinois Highways 143 and 2.

"We're going to build it somewhere," said Morris, a Collinsville architect and the principal investor.

"We didn't negotiate with three or four communities. We saw the site and the land for sale and started pursuing it. Everything fell in line," he said.

Company officials are looking for alternatives after the council's surprise 2-2 vote. One councilman's unexpected conflict of interest kept him from casting the tie-breaker.

Councilman Dan Robien was eliminated from the vote because he is on the board of the Wood River Drainage and Levee District, which owns the property on which the plant was to be built.

"It was an opportunity to add 20 good manufacturing jobs to the city," City Manager Barrett Jones said. "I'm sorry we weren't able to accommodate them."

"We'll move on," Morris said the next day.

"We would like to find a site where people want us," said Bob Miner of Miner Communications, spokesman for Reclaim Manufacturing.

"We are progressive in technology and the way we relate to the community. We want to be a good neighbor and give something back to the neighborhood," he said.

Mayor Leroy Emerick, who voted with Councilman Anthony Stassi against the plant, said he had no objection to the business. "I'm concerned about the location. That's basically what it

boils down to," he said.

Emerick said the company could use part of the 165-acre city-owned industrial park across Illinois 3 on Illinois 143. That site was also favored by neighbors who complained before the vote of having the tire business in their back yards.

Robert Ferbert, a Reclaim representative, described the plant as the first to use an environmentally clean vacuum distillation process to recycle tires to the basic components of steel, carbon black, gas and fuel oil.

"I'm not sure how many industries have the technology to be as clean as we are," said Morris, an architect with AAI Campbell Inc.

"I know we can find a site, but it would have been neat to start an environmental park for clean industries," he added.

Morris said the telephone had been ringing with inquiries about the company, which he said can cut everything from a tire back into the community with no waste.

"It was not our intention that this be the only plant, just the first," he said.

"We have talked to other states. This was to be the show place."

Jones said he was not aware of any other location the city could offer the company. "The suggested site across Illinois 3 has potential but no utilities or roads. Some parts of the site are designated wetlands, he said.

Emerick said the city had not made a good attempt to solve the wetlands problem and develop the land donated by Amoco Petroleum Additives Co.

"I don't think we've lost it. I think something could be worked out elsewhere," said Emerick, adding he thinks the plant is environmentally safe.

"On the surface it looks good, but it has a lot of potential that concerns me and the city," he said. "Like the woman said, you wouldn't want it in your back yard."

— From the Alton Telegraph

Drum, bugle corps' calendar available

The Spirit of St. Louis Drum and Bugle Corps, a locally-based precision drum and bugle corps made up of St. Louis-area youths, announced that its 1993 calendar is now available to the general public.

This year, the 13-month calendar focuses on an issue central to many St. Louisans: African-American history. Each month features a different perspective on local black history, from a historical overview of the 67-year-old organization to details about prominent black St. Louisans who have made a difference over the years.

Some of those featured in the calendar include Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., U.S. District Judge Clyde S. Cahill, Annie Turnbo Malone, U.S. Circuit Judge Theodore McMillin, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, Josephine Baker, Scott Joplin and Homer G. Phillips.

In addition to monthly history lessons on prominent black St. Louisans, each day marked on the calendar features an important historical item relating to African-American heritage.

The calendars are available by mail for \$6 plus \$2 postage and handling (\$8 total for each calendar). Check or money order should be made out to "Spirit of St. Louis Drum and Bugle Corps" and sent to Spirit of St. Louis, P.O. Box 775483, St. Louis, Mo. 63155.

For more information, call Charles Payne at 314-997-7856 or Arthur Bennett at 314-835-9212.

Task force will study deaths of abused children

Legislation creating a task force to review the deaths of children under the care of the Department of Children and Family Services took effect on Jan. 1.

Also effective in 1993 is a measure making it easier for law enforcement officials to monitor organized gang activity.

Sponsor of the measures, State Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, says they resulted from continuing problems with the state child-care agency and the rising incidence of gang activity.

Hoffman's bill creates the Child Fatality Task Force. Members of the task force will review child fatality cases, where children

are either wards of DCFS, are victims of abuse or neglect within 12 months of the death, or are the subjects of pending abuse or neglect investigations.

Hoffman, along with several other downstate lawmakers, sponsored a resolution in 1992 calling for a complete audit of DCFS over numerous reports of mismanagement and questionable spending practices.

Agency Director Sue Suter resigned earlier last year under pressure from lawmakers and child advocacy groups.

Another Hoffman initiative makes it easier for law enforcement officials to gather and compile information on known juvenile gang

members and gang activities. Hoffman said the rise in gang activity prompted the law.

"Gang activity has increased statewide, particularly in the Metro East area," Hoffman said. "We are seeing younger and younger gang members whose movements from place to place are much more fluid than before."

"With this new law it will be easier for federal, state and local officials to inspect juvenile court records to determine youths' involvement in gangs, and to keep track of their whereabouts. Before we can reclaim our streets, we have to know who and where the dangerous elements are."



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(Staff photo by NICOLE VAUGHN)
Wayne Crome with a copy of his award-winning play "Counterpane."

Local playwright wins \$5,000 art fellowship

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Wayne Crome has 15 plays "in various states of undress" to his credit, two of which are now award winners.

Crome, an Edwardsville resident who works at the Public Art office in Granite City, found out earlier this month that his play "Counterpane" has earned him a \$5,000 art fellowship from the Illinois Arts Council. Crome was among an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 entrants who apply for the grants in one of 10 art categories.

"The death of a dream is the first death," Crome said. "That's sort of what the play is about — the process of aging and looking back at lost dreams."

Crome has been writing plays since 1981. Before trying his hand as a playwright, Crome attempted to write fiction from the time he earned his undergraduate degree in music from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

"I was never satisfied with my attempts to write fiction," Crome said. "I'm better at this (drama). When I started writing, I knew this is what I could do."

Crome said a lot of credit goes to his wife, Sandra, who helps him with his computer system and who kept after him to enter the competition this year.

"She is actually the one who held my feet to the fire and made me write," Crome said. "This is the sixth year that Crome has applied for a fellowship."

"Two out of six ain't bad," he quipped.

Crome, who has a master's degree in American and English literature from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, has taught evening classes at SIUE, Belleville Area College and St. Louis Community College.

Snowmobiling accidents drop; drop in snowfall is cited

Conservation Director Brent Manning said infrequent snowfall last year likely is responsible for a low number of accidents occurring during the 1991-1992 snowmobiling season, but said similar weather patterns this year may cause anxious snowmobilers to abandon safe operating practices.

"The relatively few days when adequate snow conditions existed last season resulted in correspondingly light snowmobile usage and consequently the accident rate was fairly low," Manning said. "Conditions such as these, however, are potentially more conducive to accidents because people become anxious to ride and often go out as soon as there is any snow accumulation and ride in the nearest available field or roadway."

Of the nine snowmobiling accidents reported to the Department of Conservation last year, one was fatal. Eighteen accidents and one fatality occurred during the 1990-1991 season and 20 accidents had two deaths occurred during the 1989-1990 season.

So far this season, three accidents and no deaths have been reported. State law requires operators involved in an accident to file a report with the department of conservation within five days of the accident occurring.

Deputy Conservation Police Chief Tom Wakolbinger said a 40-year-old snowmobiler died in December 1991 when his sled fell through the ice on a pond in Kane County.

Most of the accidents were the result of the operators failing to exercise caution, and Wakolbinger said the accidents might have been prevented had the snowmobilers taken safety courses.

The courses cover operating safety tips, snowmobile laws, handling a snowmobile in different snow conditions, emergency first aid, clothing and equipment needed for survival, responsibilities to the environment and wildlife, and sled maintenance and repair.

Safety courses are required of youths age 12-16 who want to operate a snowmobile alone. Courses are recommended for adults who recently have acquired snowmobiles or who want to brush up on snowmobile safety practices.

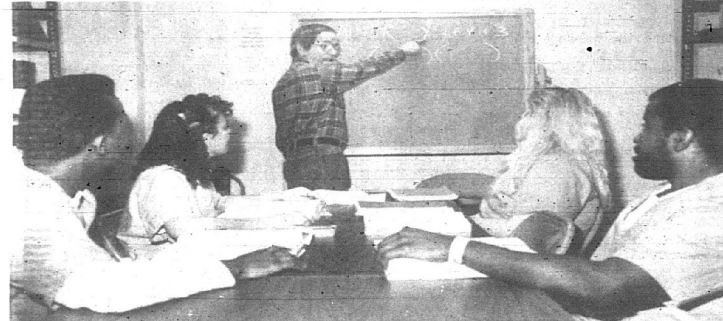
Children under the age of 12 are prohibited from operating a snowmobile, even if under the direct supervision of an adult.

Each year, volunteer instructors with the Department of Conservation train 800 to 1,000 individuals throughout the state in safe snowmobile operation.



Tutor Mike McNally, right, helps Madison County jail inmate Tammy Warren with an assignment.

(Staff photos by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)



Tutor Mike McNally, center, factors a math problem for Madison County jail inmates (clockwise from left) Jeffery Yates, Tammy Warren, Sandra Wilson and Joseph Ewing.

•Inmates

(Continued from Page 1A)

long enough to complete the GED course, four have graduated since the program began. Two others will retest after coming within 10 points of the 225 points needed to graduate. And two more inmates took the test just prior to Christmas.

Those who start the program can continue at a state Department of Corrections facility, where they can have two months from their sentences if they graduate, McNally said. "They may not go to the DOC, and some may even go on to take college courses," McNally said. "And then maybe we won't see them again — hopefully."

At Eddie Newsome of Madison, the jail superintendent, said none of the program's four graduates have returned to be incarcerated. Those who attend the

classes take them seriously, he added.

"Most of them are really sincere about it," Newsome said. "It's more than just the idea of getting out of their cell block."

Classes meet twice a week in the jail's library.

Currently, seven men and two women take the classes and five of the inmates are in advanced classes, McNally said.

Very few of the inmates have trouble reading and even fewer require discipline, McNally said. "I've had maybe one or two bad apples in about 60," McNally said. "Some are already well into their education but the courses give them a chance to brush up."

McNally often gets help with the classes from some of the more advanced students. The students study from a 917-page text for their test, which requires about one-third more of

the skills expected of the average high school graduate, McNally said.

"I think it's a great program," Newsome said. "You give these guys some skills so they can get a job and maybe they'll stay out of trouble."

If anything points to the need for such a program, it is the jail population. In late December, the jail was holding 195 prisoners in quarters made for about 150, Newsome said.

Newsome attributes much of the interest in, as well as the success of, the program to Sheriff Bob Churchich, the staff of Regional School Superintendent Harry Briggs Jr., the Glen-Eld Pantry and the families of the inmates.

Collinsville man seeking fellow participants in Battle of Bulge

"This is undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war and will, I believe, be regarded as an ever famous American victory."

Sir Winston Churchill, addressing the British House of Commons following the Battle of the Bulge.

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

Fought in France's snowy Ardennes Forest in December of 1944, the Battle of the Bulge was a last-ditch defeat for the Nazis in World War II, and one of the bloodiest battles of the war.

A Collinsville man is looking for other residents of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area who participated in the battle, in an effort to form a local chapter of the national Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge group.

"At the present time there are 23 chapters, but there is nothing in the St. Louis area at all," said W. Kent Stephens of the 100 block of Bluffview Lane.

"That is the hope of this inquiry, that we can contact some more people, and find out if there is enough interest in forming a VBOB chapter in the St. Louis area," Stephens said. The main reason for trying to get a local chapter together at this time is that the

"It was a touch-and-go situation when we first got there. Nobody was really sure where the enemy was."

— W. Kent Stephens

national group is planning a major get-together on the 50th anniversary of the battle in December 1994, and plans to hold the event in St. Louis.

"When you think about the age of these guys, it might be the last big blowout that they have," he said.

There are currently about 59 Battle of Bulge veterans on the VBOB mailing list who live in the St. Louis area, Stephens said. He thinks there are probably many more who are not members of the group.

Veterans of the battle are urged to attend a meeting on Jan. 21 at the Gateway, Mo., Community Center in St. Louis County. The purpose of the meeting will be to see if there is enough interest to form a local VBOB chapter.

Stephens served in the HQ Battery, 101st Field Artillery, 26th (Yankee) Division, as a radio operator and repairman. His unit was in Metz, France,

for some R&R when 38 German divisions attacked along a 50-mile front under cover of heavy fog on Dec. 16.

Stephens' unit moved out at midnight to rush back to the front.

"It was a touch-and-go situation when we first got there," he recalls. "Nobody was really sure where the enemy was."

German mechanized units overran the American lines, but the Allies rushed reinforcements into the area and recovered all the ground they had lost by early January.

About 110,000 Germans were taken prisoner and the Germans suffered approximately 100,000 casualties.

Those who are interested in the VBOB, or in attending the Jan. 21 meeting, can call Stephens at 344-1616. Veterans in Missouri can call Stewart Piper at (314) 332-6527 or Harold Mueller at (314) 631-5350.

State's farmers tops in conservation tillage

Once again, Illinois farmers led the nation in use of conservation tillage, according to a 1992 survey.

A total of 11.1 million acres statewide — almost half the state's cropland — used some form of reduced tillage or no-till, according to the survey, done by the USDA's Soil Conservation Service and the Conservation Technology Information Center.

Both methods are used to reduce erosion, which claims an estimated two bushels of topsoil for every bushel of corn produced in the Midwest.

In no-till, all of the crop residue stays on the land between harvest and planting instead of being plowed under or disked in.

reduced tillage methods, the goal is to leave at least 30 percent of last year's stems, stalks, leaves and other post-harvest debris on the field.

"Illinois farmers are progressive," said Dan Towery, residue management specialist for the Soil Conservation Service, explaining why the state continues to lead in adopting conservation tillage. "There is no one item you can point a finger at."

States with worse erosion problems, such as Maryland and Kentucky, did some of the early pioneering work in no-till, Towery said. But in the second stage, "quite a few folks in Illinois got a hold of the concept and made it work," Towery said.

Illinois farmers helped develop new techniques and management methods for this new way of farming — and then quickly shared the information with others, he said.

All farmers with highly erodible land are developing soil conservation plans, which will be required as of 1995 for farmers to participate in federal farm programs.

That has a lot to do with the speed with which conservation tillage has been adopted, Towery said.

In addition, "Illinois has been number one for years, so partly it's easier to maintain the lead once you have it," Towery said.

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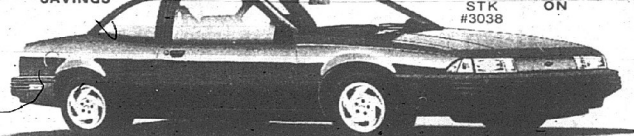
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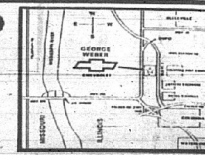
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Upon receipt of the money, the individual had 60 days to roll the money to a new IRA (individual retirement account) to avoid penalties or tax.

A new law, effective Jan. 1, 1993, requires employers to withhold 20 percent of a lump-sum distribution from a company retirement plan if this money is paid directly to the former employee.

Taxable distributions include distributions from pension plans, profit sharing plans, employee stock ownership plans, thrift plans, salary deferral 401(k) plans, Keoghs, and tax sheltered 408(b) annuities.

Most people who will be affected are unfamiliar with how they can avoid this new tax.

For example, Jerry, who is leaving his job at age 45, becomes entitled to a lump-sum distribution of \$100,000.

If he elects to have his employer send him the money,



Brian Muhihall

he will receive just \$80,000 because his employer must withhold 20 percent for tax purposes.

To roll over the entire distribution, without any tax or penalty, he would need to deposit the \$80,000, plus an additional \$20,000 of his own money, into an IRA or other qualified plan within 60 days.

He would then have to wait until he files his tax return next year for a refund of the \$20,000.

If Jerry does not deposit the \$20,000 into the IRA, it becomes subject to tax.

In addition, since Jerry does not meet the penalty-free IRA distribution age of 59 1/2, this money is also subject to a 10 percent penalty.

Jerry, who is in a 28 percent marginal federal tax bracket, would owe a total of \$7,600, including tax and penalty.

How does Jerry go about legally avoiding this new tax law? He simply requests his previous employer to transfer the money directly to his IRA investment that he has chosen in advance.

Thus, Jerry does not actually take physical possession of the distribution check.

There are two key words an individual in this situation must recognize: Those key words are ROLLOVER and TRANSFER. Rollover, when speaking in terms of a distribution, means an individual has the previous employer make the check out to them, and take possession of the distribution for future investing or use.

Transfer means an individual instructs the former employer to make the check out to a new IRA for their benefit, and send the money directly to the new investment. Thus, a transfer bypasses the individual possession.

An individual will not lose control or ownership of the money by making a transfer. The bottom line of this new law requires an individual to do his or her investment homework before asking for the distribution.

In addition, determine where the money would ideally be invested, given an individual's risk tolerance and investment objectives.

If individuals do not know their distribution options, they should seek professional advice from a qualified financial advisor.

Granite City resident Brian A. Muhihall is a partner with a St. Louis-based financial services company.



Owners and staff of the Blue Moon Cafe are, from left in the front row, Lorri Tanksley-Strubberg, co-owner; Brenda Tanksley, co-owner; and Ronda "Katy" Whittington. In the back row from left are employees Kirk Campbell, Ron Miller, Howard Hull, Eleanor Gaffor and Eric LaMarr.

Mom, daughters open restaurant

When mom doesn't feel like cooking, where can you get the kind of meal like Mom would make?

Lorri Tanksley, her mother Brenda Tanksley and sister Katy Whittington say the new Tanksley's Blue Moon Cafe is the answer.

On Dec. 16 the trio opened the restaurant at East 24th Street and Nameoki Road in the old Roderick building. The opening fulfilled a long-time wish of the three women from Granite City.

"We've always wanted to do this and finally decided to take the plunge," Lorri Tanksley said. Pressed to name a specialty, Lorri Tanksley

said, "I don't know. We have so many things home-cooked meals, meatloaf, fried chicken, stuffed cabbage, the stuff like mom always cooked."

The Blue Moon Cafe is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; it offers lunch and evening specials every day.

Carry-outs are available "by the bunch," Lorri Tanksley said. To order carry-outs or for more information on Tanksley's Blue Moon Cafe call 451-7070.

New law boosts veterans' loan program

Federal legislation has been enacted that will greatly enhance the viability of the Department of Veterans Affairs' home loan guaranty program, according to Lucinda Schmidt, president of Granite City Board of Realtors Inc.

On Oct. 28, President Bush signed into law a veterans' benefits bill that makes home loans guaranteed by DVA available to reservists, creates an adjustable-rate mortgage program guaranteed by DVA and allows the interest rate charged for DVA loans to be negotiable.

The provisions had long been supported by the Realtors' organization. "These changes will substantially strengthen the DVA program," said Schmidt.

Improving this program is a fitting tribute to everyone who served or is serving in our nation's armed forces. Previously, DVA-guaranteed loans were limited by law to active-duty military personnel and veterans who met the requirements for program eligibility. Now, the home loan program has been extended to people who have served in the nation's reserve forces or the National Guard, and who have been honorably discharged.

The funding fee paid to DVA by reservists would depend on the size of the down payment made. The program would be opened up to reservists for a seven year period, which began in October and continues through September 1999.

The tens of thousands of reservists called to serve in Operation Desert Storm provides ample proof of the reserve forces' crucial role in protecting the United States, notes Schmidt.

The commitment of our

reservists to protect and defend their country on short notice and in the face of significant disruption in their personal lives was vividly demonstrated in the Persian Gulf War," she says. "Entirement programs such as the DVA home loan guaranty program should be recognized as a tangible repayment of the nation's debt to all men and women, including reservists, who have volunteered to serve."

According to DVA estimates, the expansion could make the home loan guaranty program available to as many as 50,000 individuals in the reserve forces and the National Guard.

Schmidt points out that extending the program to all reservists will benefit the DVA guaranty fund, from which lenders' claims against defaulted DVA-guaranteed mortgages are paid.

The additional funding fees paid by reservists will help build up the guaranty fund, and help offset the need for congressional appropriations to top keep reinforcing the fund, she says. "Opening up DVA to reservists will bring in much-needed cash to help keep the fund operating."

Another portion of the legislation provides for a demonstration program through which the DVA would, for the first time,

offer adjustable-rate mortgages. The program covers a period that began in September and lasts through September 1995.

Until now, the DVA was the sole national mortgage financing source without an ARM program. "We have long supported a DVA ARM as an option to meet borrowing needs of veterans," Schmidt said.

The legislation also provides for the deregulation of the interest rate charged for DVA-guaranteed mortgages. This change repeals the authority of the DVA Secretary to set a maximum rate.

Previously, when the DVA-set interest rate lapsed below the market rates charged for other types of mortgages, lenders often would charge a high number of loan discount points to make the DVA loans attractive to investors. (One point equals 1 percent of the loan amount.) Because the DVA prohibits borrowers from paying any points, sellers were forced to either pay the points or pass up offers from buyers using DVA financing.

"An administered rate often made DVA financing far less attractive for sellers. A negotiated interest rate will benefit veterans by making their DVA loan a more attractive alternative in markets that might otherwise prevent them from using the program," Schmidt said.

Ahmad, Lay are appointed

St. Elizabeth Medical Center has named two new department chiefs: pediatrician Shafique Ahmad, MD, as chief of the Pediatrics Department and general surgeon Obert Lay, MD, chief of the Surgery Department.

Dr. Ahmad, who has been a member of the medical staff at SEMC since 1974, completed his medical education at Dow Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan. He then completed an internship at Deaconess Hospital.

His residency in pediatrics was served at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis. He has also completed a fellowship in pediatric cardiology at St. Christopher Hospital in Philadelphia.

Dr. Lay, who has been on staff at SEMC for 33 years, completed his undergraduate work and earned his medical degree at Washington University School of Medicine.

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School menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday - Breakfast: Two slices of cinnamon toast, fruit cup, lunch: Pizza slices, corn, sliced peaches.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Cereal with banana, lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, sliced peaches.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Manager's choice, lunch: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, sliced pears.

Thursday - Breakfast: Fresh-baked biscuits, sliced peaches, lunch: Tacos with lettuce and cheese, corn, mixed fruit.

Friday - Breakfast: Pancake rollups with fruit, lunch: Fish dinner, macaroni and cheese, sliced bread, carrots, applesauce.

Madison Public Schools

Monday - Breakfast: Cereal, juice, lunch: Ravioli with meat sauce, cheese slice, mixed vegetables, pineapple.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, juice, lunch: Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, cake.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Waffles, juice, lunch: Barbecued pork on bun, dill slices, baked beans, pears.

Thursday - Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, juice, lunch: Turkey a la king, hot biscuits, tossed salad, strawberries.

Friday - Breakfast: Cereal, juice, lunch: Burrito, buttered corn, fruit gelatin.

Venice Public Schools

Monday - Pizzaburger on bun, mixed vegetables, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday - Sliced turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello with fruit.

Wednesday - Chili with crackers, peanut butter sandwich, apple crisp.

Thursday - Bologna sandwich, homemade vegetable soup, peaches.

Friday - Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, pears.

Holy Family

Monday - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad, nuts and raisins.

Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese chunks, green beans/salad, jello.

Wednesday - Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, slaw, peas, sliced pears.

Thursday - Sloppy joe on bun, sliced cheese, pickles, corn, tater tots, peach cobbler.

Friday - Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, pickles, potato chips, pudding.

St. Elizabeth

Monday - Hamburger on bun, french fries, corn, pudding, Tuesday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, chocolate chip bars.

Wednesday - Chili and crackers, peanut butter sandwich, applesauce.

Thursday - Pizza pockets, corn, apple crisp.

Friday - Nachos with cheese sauce, peanut butter sandwich, celery and carrot sticks, blueberry muffin.

Head Start

Monday - Breakfast: Orange juice, bagellette, cream cheese, lunch: Barbecued beef, baked beans, citrus salad, hamburger bun; snack: Raisins/celery, peanut butter.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Grape juice, raisin bread, hard-boiled egg; lunch: Ravioli (beef), tossed salad, fruit cocktail, pasta; snack: Cheerios.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Orange segments, pancake, syrup; lunch: Ham slice, sweet potatoes, cinnamon fried apples; snack: Pineapple/orange juice, cornbread.

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National Association Retired Federal Employees Chapter 1067 (NARFE) officers sworn in by Willard Messer are, from left: (NARFE) Shockley, secretary; Helen Martin, treasurer; Jerry Walters, vice president; Ruth Stoyanoff, president; and Tharah Erney, 2nd vice president.

NARFE officers are sworn in

The regular monthly meeting of NARFE Chapter 1067 was held at Charles' Restaurant Dec. 14. There were 59 in attendance.

President Alex Duccini called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Past-President Willard Messer gave the invocation.

Then the members repeated the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Alex Duccini received a Christmas card from President Virginia Williams of Illinois Federation of Chapters, NARFE, wishing Chapter 1067 "Happy Holidays."

Minutes of the Nov. 9 meeting were read by Secretary Katherine Shockley. Approval was given.

Helen Martin gave the treasurer's report for the month of November.

Vice President Jerry Walters read a poem from Retirement Life magazine about health benefits.

Service officer Georgina McMillan had nothing to report.

Sunshine Committee Ruth Wicoff had sent no cards out.

Guest was Alberta Winte from Edwardsville. New member was Kenneth Fugleberg of Fairview Heights.

Installation of officers for the next year were sworn in by Past President Willard Messer. They were: President Ruth Stoyanoff; Vice President Jerry Walters; 2nd Vice President Tharah Erney; Secretary Katherine Shockley; and Treasurer Helen Martin.

There were four birthdays and one anniversary for December. Members and guests enjoyed a Christmas dinner. Following dinner, gifts were exchanged, members and guests played bingo.

Program Committee Elmer Ebrecht was in charge of the Christmas party.

Members donated \$50 to the Salvation Army.

Charley Hester, owner of Charles' Restaurant, wished all the members and guests a "Happy Holidays."

Marlin Choat won the attendance prize.

The next monthly meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11.

President Alex Duccini adjourned the meeting wishing everybody a "Happy Holidays."

Holy Family Ladies Club celebrates

The Holy Family Ladies Club held its annual Christmas party on Dec. 2 at Jerry's on The Green at the Legacy Golf Course.

Fifty-one members and guests, as well as Father Bill Fisherkeller, Father Casey Kiemal, Sister Margaret Mary, Sister Mary Angeline, Sister Mary Stanley, and Sister Susan, joined together in the holiday decorated banquet room.

Father Bill introduced all the Ladies Club officers, thanked all members for the work done by the Ladies Club throughout the year, and led the meal prayer.

A meal of chicken breasts stuffed with ricotta cheese and spinach, roast pork loin, twice-baked potatoes, mixed broccoli and cauliflower, lettuce salad, hot rolls with butter and a dessert of cheesecake with cherries was served.

After dinner, President Nancy Ulaque briefly went over a few items concerning the Ladies Club. She thanked Vice President Sue Stanton for coordinating this year's party, for which everyone applauded.

Everyone then prepared for lots of fun with a couple of holiday word games and several rounds of the card game "Count 'Em Up".

Prizes of Christmas-decorated candle rings around a red candle were awarded to all winners of the games. A decorated and lighted small Christmas tree was given away for a special door prize drawing.

Adopt-A-Pet day

The Madison County Humane Society will hold an Adopt-A-Pet day on Saturday, Jan. 16, from noon to 4 p.m. at PetsMart in O'Fallon.

Puppies and kittens of all shapes, sizes and breeds will be available for adoption. Many adoptable kittens and purebreds that have been spayed or neutered are also available for adoption. Declared cats are available.

Dog adoptions are \$45; cat adoptions are \$25. A collar, tag, shots, worming and a \$15 spay/neuter deposit are included in the fees.

For more information, please call Madison County Humane Society at 656-4405.

Glik Retirees celebrate company's anniversary

The Glik Retirees celebrated the Glik Company's 95th anniversary with lunch at the Pasta House in Fairview Heights. They then went back for a visit to the Glik store in Bellemore.

The retirees are from the Madison and Bellemore stores; some worked at both stores.

The retirees formed their club in 1984 with a few members and it has since grown to about 24 members. They go out to lunch and then meet at one of the members' homes for cards, and a special time of caring and sharing good friends.

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Obituaries



Agnes Roderick

Agnes M. (Boyer) Roderick, 99, of Granite City died at 1:40 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, where she had been a patient since Jan. 1. She had been ill since one week and had been a resident of Colonial Care Center, Granite City, for three and a half years. Born in Old Mines, Mo., on June 23, 1893, she had been a resident of Granite City for 83 years.

She worked for several years at Rome and Roy's restaurant on Madison Avenue, and at Roderick's Restaurant, owned by her oldest son, Ollie. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City and the Daughters of Isabella.

Survivors include three sons, Richard Roderick of Granite City, Milford Roderick of Edwardsville and James Roderick of Manhattan Beach, Calif.; three daughters, Cecelia Cruse and Theresa Harding, both of Granite City, and Margaret Schuber of Bodfish, Calif.; 22 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alphonse "Al" Roderick, whom she married June 1, 1910, and who died May 15, 1953; a son, Oliver "Ollie" Roderick, who died Dec. 1, 1988; two daughters, Sister Frances Gabriel, who died Dec. 18, 1986, and Grace Roderick; and her parents, Rose and Julia (Walfee) Boyer.

Mass was celebrated Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, with the Rev. William Fisherkeller, and her nephew, the Rev. James Hanson, officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Arrangements were by Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

Masses to Holy Family Catholic Church are suggested as memorials.



Joseph Holmes

Joseph R. Holmes, 67, of Granite City died at 5:40 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 1992, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Holmes was born Aug. 12, 1925, in Sleeper, Mo. He resided in Granite City for 25 years and retired from the Army after 27 years of service in 1974. He was employed as a guard at the Melvin Price Support Center for five years and was a member of the American Legion Post #113 in Granite City. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Holmes, two sons, Todd and Terry Crawford, both of Granite City, one daughter, Tracy Wilkerson of Granite City, and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with services immediately following. Graveside services and burial will be 11 a.m. Monday at Honey Bend Cemetery in Honey Bend, Ill.

Madison stickers on sale

Madison city auto and truck stickers are now on sale at the Madison City Hall, 1329 Third St. Through Jan. 29, senior citizens can receive free city license stickers and the cost for everyone else is \$5.

On Feb. 1, the price will go up to \$5 for senior citizens and \$10 for everyone else.

City Hall is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. It does not close for lunch.

Jazz fans remember Charlie Menees

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Area fans of jazz lost a good friend Friday morning.

Popular radio personality and jazz aficionado "Cactus" Charlie Menees died Friday morning, Jan. 7, in Kirkwood, Mo., of congestive heart failure. He was 76.

John Fornaszewski of Granite City was a long-time friend of Menees and spent most of the day Friday with Menees' wife Mary Kay.

"People just don't realize what a loss this is for local musicians. He was a guy who was particularly helpful of local musicians. He knew what a struggle it is (to make it in the music world) and bent over backwards to help out up-and-coming musicians. He would get them a break if he could," Fornaszewski said.

In addition to his popular Saturday night jazz show on 1120 KMOX-AM radio, Menees often

reviewed jazz performances for various publications. His casual, conversational style was unique among radio personalities.

Although a journalist by trade, Menees, like Fornaszewski, was also a drummer. He had a special fondness for the "big band" sound, and was a fixture at summer outdoor concerts at Wilson Park in Granite City, featuring the Stan Fornaszewski Orchestra.

"He believed in Granite City 100 percent," Fornaszewski said.

"He was there from the first (concert) 12 or 13 years ago until our last concert in 1992. He saw the concerts grow from about 150 people (the first few years) to 1,400 or 1,500 (recently). He was always a big draw, and he made people want to go to these things."

"Even when he wasn't hosting or emceeing the show, he was in the audience listening," Fornaszewski said.

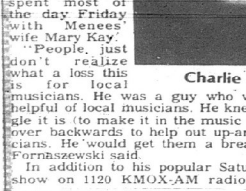
Over the course of his career, Menees rubbed elbows with some of the legends of the jazz world. He was a good friend of Woody Herman, and knew Duke Ellington and Count Basie well, Fornaszewski said.

He said Menees loved to hear stories from Stan about the time in 1964 when Stan toured with the Count Basie Orchestra.

"To Charlie, hearing it was like being there himself," Fornaszewski said.

Born in Jacksonville, Ill., Menees had made Kirkwood his home. He and Mary Kay have three adult children.

A memorial service and Big Band tribute are planned for Sunday in Kirkwood.



Charlie Menees

Volosko

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Provide better judgment, discretion and leadership in the city departments, especially in the area of infrastructure maintenance.

"Infrastructure is vital to any city's success. If you lose that, all the people who can afford to will move out," he said.

While Voloski said Madison has done a good job of providing its citizens with vital services, he said the city "should be doing an excellent job."

Voloski is a lifelong resident of Madison and he and his wife, Dorothy, have four grown children. He is a 1959 graduate of

Madison High School and earned a degree in law enforcement at Belleville Area College.

Voloski currently works as the chief of security for the Illinois Department of Mental Health at the Alton Mental Health Center. He previously worked at a blast furnace division at Granite City Steel and served 15 years as a Madison police officer.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, a life member and past commander of Madison AMVETS Post 204, a member of Venice-Madison American Legion Post 307, a past president of Madison Concerned Citizens, and a past member of the Madison-Venice Rotary Club.

Miles

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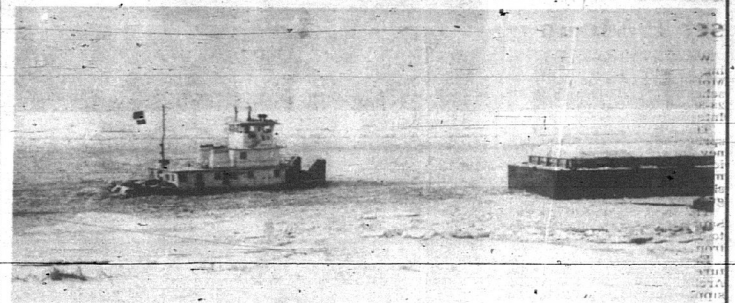
Chouteau Township and Peppercorn more than qualifies me to continue as Chouteau Township supervisor," Miles said.

"I promised the citizens of Chouteau Township eight years ago that we would have good fiscal government by maintaining and expanding the services people want and expect (and do that) without raising taxes."

Among his accomplishments, Miles listed establishing ambulance service for the Mitchell area and continued and expanded mosquito spraying.

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Time capsule



From the past — Nine-inch-thick ice covered the Chain of Rocks Canal in January 1974 but Mississippi River traffic continued through the eight-mile canal at a rate of 15 to 24 barges and ships a day, according to Howard Keeney, lockmaster. Many of the barges were loaded with coal and oil on their way to Chicago, traveling the Illinois River, as the upper Mississippi is closed by ice. The ship shown is chopping up the ice around a barge.

Madison

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to the arbitrator last week and it is out of our hands now."

The police union has requested salary increases for the officers, but the city says it cannot afford any pay increase for any employees. The issue went into arbitration and the arbitrator's decision is expected in February.

Alderman John Hamm, who plans to oppose Belkoff in the April election, asked City Attorney Casper Nighohossian for clarification on the issue being arbitrated.

"As I understand it, the arbitration is only over money," Hamm said. "Is there a provision in the new contract that would allow us to cut the number of police officers?"

Nighohossian confirmed that pay is the only portion of the new contract that was taken to arbitration.

Parents

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said Norm Owca, director of finance for the Granite City district. "Unfortunately, it hasn't happened. Every year, it seems like the state cuts it back a little more."

Two years ago, Granite City's Elementary Education Director Richard Brinkhoff and a committee of faculty and staff members studied the textbook situation and put together a list of replacement textbooks. But the state cut back its program and the books weren't provided.

Now, Brinkhoff said, the school district is in a position where it must make up the difference.

"Even in the best year, the most we can hope for from the state is one book per child," Brinkhoff said. "As a result, we will not be able to keep up."

To replace the "very outdated" science and health textbooks used in kindergarten through

Text

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high schools.

Told Granite City elementary schools were using 20-year-old science textbooks, she said, "Oh, ooooo. Those are moons of agony. And sympathy for the teachers."

"It's not that teachers get their knowledge from the textbooks — they don't — or that they teach only from the text."

"But teachers get the outline for their instruction from the text and there are so many topics that aren't going to be in the text because they didn't exist 20 years ago. These poor teachers are being placed under tremendous pressure."

For example, Moore said, "The entire field of molecular biology and genetics didn't exist 20 years ago."

"But now, if you look at science articles in magazines and newspapers or science reports on television, at least seven out of 10 of them deal with molecular biology and genetics."

Even very dedicated teachers who are able to compile up-to-date material find that a lot of it depends on background that is also not in the textbook and must be compiled.

"And even with all of that, students tend to view hand-out material as add-on material that is not as important as the book," she said.

In a field as fluid as science, Moore said, all books — especially textbooks and very especially elementary textbooks — tend to be out of date before they are published.

"There was an article in Newsweek recently saying 'Everything you learned in school is wrong.' I think that (statement) is probably alarmist, but cer-

"He said the contract does provide the city with the right to lay off police officers, but only after the city 'makes its best effort to look elsewhere to make the cuts.'"

Hamm said he believes it is important for the city to have that flexibility.

"No one wants to lay anyone off," said Alderman Charles Rockett. "I think Venice and Madison are the only cities left that offer free services such as trash collection for our citizens. Everybody else is charging fees."

"And we haven't gotten rid of these street (department employees) and that's it. They're just laid off until we get some money. The city isn't playing checkers or something with these positions."

In other action, the City Council voted 4-3 to approve an ordinance calling for police dispatchers to be paid time-and-a-half for working on legal holidays. The ordinance made the pay retroac-

tive to the beginning of the fiscal year last May.

According to Comptroller Jeanne Weidner, the total cost of the retroactive pay will be about \$600. The total additional cost to the city for a full year will be \$780, she said.

Alderman Michael Vrabec made a motion seconded by Alderman Jim Caffrey, to table the ordinance. The motion failed 3 to 4, with Hamm voting with Caffrey and Vrabec in favor. Rockett and Aldermen Andy Economy, George Amisch and Ralph Miller voted against tabling. Alderman Norris Horton was not at the meeting.

In the final vote, Economy, Amisch, Miller and Rockett voted to approve the ordinance and Caffrey, Hamm and Vrabec voted against approval.

The City Council voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Police Commissioner Edward Dohnal and concur with the appointment of Jeanne Robertson to replace him.

sixth grade, Brinkhoff said, will cost the district \$80,000.

"That's two experienced teachers or four new teachers," he said. "Do we cut four teachers and make the classes larger? That's proven to have an adverse effect on learning."

"Do we not supply electricity? Of course not."

"It's a real dilemma. Yes, we need new books, but what do we cut to get them?"

Brinkhoff said the district expects to receive a \$20,000 grant later this year for textbooks, "but even if that grant comes through, it's only a quarter of what we need. There is just not an easy answer."

Beubeau passed her concerns and petition along to legislators in November, but said the response so far has been disappointing.

U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, D-Madison, and U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, both sent sympathetic and supporting replies, but said education fund-

ing is a state matter.

State Sen. Sam Vadalabene, D-Edwardsville, replied that he was "forwarding your concerns to (the former) superintendent of Granite City Community Unit No. 1, Mr. Gilbert V. Walmsley."

Thebeau said, "It really disappointed me that Sen. Sam didn't even know Steve Balen is the superintendent now."

Thebeau said she has not heard from state Reps. Jim McPike, D-Alton, or Monroe Flinn, D-Bellefonte.

"And I haven't heard anything from (Illinois) Gov. Jim Edgar," she said. "With all of his talk about the importance of education, you'd think someone in his office would reply."

"I have gotten an amazing amount of non-response. I can't figure out what it takes to get the attention of the state legislature."

"Don't they see education as an investment in our future? That's what it is."

Parking

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be placed on the poles.

But, he said, "the city can't do everything (to alleviate the problem). Perhaps it is the responsibility of businesses to have sufficient parking for their own employees and customers."

"If there isn't enough space, maybe they should look into purchasing more property," Miller said.

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Teachers' workshops set at Mounds

Workshops for teachers wishing to participate in Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site's school program will be held Jan. 23-30 at the Cahokia Mounds Interpretive Center.

The school program for the spring semester is "Time Journey," which examines prehistoric eastern Indians. Teachers must attend one of the two workshops to participate in the program.

The workshops will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon and Saturday, Jan. 30, from 1-3 p.m.

Each workshop includes a lecture and video on the Paleo, Archaic, Woodland and Mississippian cultural periods, and hands-on activities that may be used in the classroom. Workshop participants may also schedule their students for the "Time Journey" Educational Program to be held from February to May 1993 at Cahokia Mounds.

The "Time Journey" is an hour-long hands-on activity that takes students on a prehistoric journey from the first human crossing of the Bering Strait to the urban Mississippian cultural period that includes Cahokia Mounds. The focus is on cultures east of the Mississippi River and in portions of Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Participants will examine artifacts from specific time periods and discuss their use. Class size is limited to 30 students, and classes are held at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. and at noon.

For more information on the "Time Journey" or to make a reservation for the teachers' workshops, call 346-5169 on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, is near Collinsville off Interstates 55/70 and 255, and Illinois 111, on Collinsville Road.

Cahokia Mounds is open Wednesday through Sunday from December through February and seven days a week the rest of the year.



Districtwide Elementary Spelling Bee winners and runners-up are, first row, from left: Ashley Rivenburgh, third grade winner; Bryan Baker, third grade runner-up; Travis Papp, fourth grade winner; James Brankov, fourth grade runner-up; back row, Ellen Voyles, event chairman; Joi McNeish, fifth grade winner; Shannon Gergen, sixth grade runner-up; Allyson McDowell, sixth grade winner; and Scott Whipple, fifth grade runner-up.

Elementary Spelling Bee winners named

The District 9 Elementary Spelling Bee, under the direction of Ellen Voyles, principal of Niedringhaus School, was held at Coolidge Junior High School.

Students qualified for the event by winning at the building level. Districtwide winners and runners-up were named in the event for third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade divisions.

The district winners and runners-up were: Third Grade: Ashley Rivenburgh, Mitchell School; and Bryan Baker, Parkview School; Fourth Grade: Travis Papp, Maryville School, and James Brankov, Lake School; Fifth Grade: Joi McNeish, Niedringhaus School, and Scott Whipple, Marshall School; Sixth Grade: Allyson McDowell, Niedringhaus School

and Shannon Gergen, Mitchell School.

Other students participating in the event and the school they represented were: Third Grade: Amanda Hutchings, Frohardt; Julia Legate, Lake; Robert Gergen, Marshall; Anna Lofink, Maryville; Miranda Woolvort, Niedringhaus; Jessica Adams, Prather; Tonya Werner, Wilson; Fourth Grade: Chris McManamy, Frohardt; John Sappington, Marshall; Nicole Slacoff, Mitchell; Jacob Sedlares, Niedringhaus; Tallin Curran, Parkview; Cory Thompson, Prather; Erica Reed, Wilson; Fifth Grade: Brian Bogovich, Frohardt; Deron Powers, Lake; Andrew Ellis, Maryville; Jonathan Baker, Mitchell; Kellie Evans, Parkview; Rachel Supple, Prather;

Amber Russell, Wilson; Sixth Grade: Julia Murphy, Frohardt; Melanie England, Lake; Cheyenne Modglin, Marshall; Stephanie Ambuehl, Maryville; Nathan Goebel, Parkview; Brian Vaughn, Prather; Christine Brand, Wilson.

Classroom teachers and elementary principals help organize and run the spelling bee.

Each division has a division chairperson, a word pronouncer, and two judges. Those helping this year were Helen Schmisser, Marlene Brandt, Richard Brinkhoff, Pam Timmons, Betty Nighohossian, Karen Reville, Phyllis Talley, Kiki Supp, Pat Gonwa, Dan James, Nancy Sanders-Miles, JoAnn Aleman, Cindy Mills, Linda Badger, Pat Wirtjes, and Shirley Stroud.

8 non-credit dance courses planned at SIUE

Eight non-credit courses in dance are scheduled at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville this winter. They range from basic ballroom dance to country, western and Latin dances.

Instruction for Section 1 of beginning ballroom dance (level 1) will be held Sundays from 1-2:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 10 and continuing through March 7. Section 2 will be held Wednesdays from 8-9:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 13 and continuing through March 10.

Sessions for ballroom dance (level 2) will be held Mondays from 8-9:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 11 and continuing through March 15. Ballroom dance (level 3) will be held Tuesdays from 8-9:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 12 and continuing through March 9.

Lessons in Imperial swing meet Sundays from 2:30-4 p.m., beginning Jan. 10 and continuing through March 7. Imperial swing (level 2) will meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m., beginning Jan. 13 and continuing through March 10.

Instruction in country and western dances is scheduled Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m., beginning Jan. 12. Latin dance sessions will be held Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m., beginning Jan. 11.

Community Service session planned for Jan. 19 at SIUE

Kenneth L. Evers, a former community relations director for Illinois Bell and former mayor of Edwardsville, will conduct a Student Leadership Development Program (SLDP) module at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The SLDP modules are scheduled Tuesdays during academic quarters at 2:30 and 7 p.m. in the Mississippi-Illinois Room of SIUE's University Center. Evers will conduct a module about "Community Service: Opportunity and Responsibilities."

Now in its sixth year on the SIUE campus, the SLDP has three components: leadership modules, which offer discussion with university faculty and officials and community leaders; an citizenship component, which is project-oriented; and a university service component, which is largely service-oriented. Those who complete two parts of the three-part program receive an SLDP transcript for presentation to potential employers.

Evers, who was mayor of

Edwardsville from 1981 to 1985 and who is now retired from Illinois Bell, has been active with the Boy Scouts; the Edwardsville Chamber of Commerce, where he is past president; the Edwardsville City Plan Commission; and the Governor's Special Events Commission, just to name a few. He also has been commissioner and secretary-treasurer of the Bi-State Development Agency.

Participants in Evers' module will examine aspects of volunteer service to the community, including the university community, as a function of leadership. Needs of the university and surrounding communities will be specifically examined at they relate to services in which participants and presenters are already involved.

At 7 p.m. on that same day, Belleville Area College Campus Activities Coordinator Steve Held will conduct an SLDP module about "Effective Decision Making."

For more information, call the Kimmel Student Leadership Development Center at 622-2886.

AARP holds Christmas dinner/dance

President Marge Hall welcomed members attending the American Association of Retired Persons Christmas dinner and dance held in the Granite City Township Hall on Dec. 9.

Vice President Margaret Kwiatkowski led the prayer and pledge to the flag. The dinner buffet was catered by Jerry's. Music for dancing was by the Alley Cats.

Summerstage presented musical selections and invited those present to join in the singing of "Silent Night."

Thomas Mortuorosi donated Christmas boxes filled with candy for all present and a reminder that was won by Vivian Danco. Wilma Draper won the afghan donated by Irwin's. Board members also donated attendance prizes.

Santa paid a surprise visit to the party. Guests were Gene and Elizabeth Briggs, Bernice Mercer, president of Granite City Senior Social Club, and Mary Lissou.

Officers will be installed at the Jan. 13 meeting.

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

A cholesterol screening will be available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 12, at National Supermarket, 3100 Madison Ave. A simple fingerstick blood test is done. Fasting is not required. Test results are available in three minutes. The cost is \$7. Other test available include HDL (good) Cholesterol, Triglycerides (12 hr fast required) and Glucose.

Women's Survival Show Feb. 19-21

The annual Working Women's Survival Show is scheduled for Feb. 19-21 in St. Louis, and tickets are available locally.

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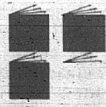
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FAMILY



Bear Cubs for Pack 15 are, front row, from left: Danny Roach, Adam Stout, Shannon Shanafelt, and Kyle Johnson. Back row: Matthew Heath, Aaron Stovall, Matt George, Nathan Ruebhausen and Daniel Worthen.

Pack 15 gets Busch Stadium tour

The Bear Cub Scouts from Pack 15, Den 7, chartered by the Eagle's Home F.O.E. 1126, participated in a tour of Busch Stadium at St. Louis. Highlights of the trip were touring the press box, the baseball playing field, and the Hall of Fame Museum.

The following Cub Scouts attended: Matt George, Matthew Heath, Kyle Johnson, Danny Roach, Nathan Ruebhausen, Shannon Shanafelt, Adam Stout, Aaron Stovall and Daniel Worthen.

Other family members in attendance were: Richard and Christ Wilbur, Mike Rosemarie, and Lindsay Heath, Kerry, Becky, and Kelsey Johnson, Denise and Whitney Ruebhausen; Ron, Shari, and Jan Shanafelt, Rhonda Stout, Andrea Stovall, and Danielle, Denise, and Emily Worthen.

Leaders for Den 7 are Daniel Worthen, Denise Worthen, Ron Shanafelt, and Rhonda Stout.

'Saturday Studio' continues at SIUE

The department of art and design of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will continue its "Saturday Studio" for children, from 9 to 11:30 Saturday mornings, Jan. 16 through March 6.

According to Joe Weber, professor of art and design and supervisor of the Saturday morning art program, the studio experience is an intensive one for students.

"This program is designed for talented children, as well as those students who have a general interest in the visual arts," Weber said. "The learning period during these classes is two and one-half hours, which allows the student enough time to explore art expression."

The Saturday morning art education program consists of three classes — Primary Children's Art (5-8), Intermediate Art (9-12), and Drawing/Painting for Junior and Senior Students (13-18). The first two groups meet in Rooms 3200 and 3201 of SIUE's Classroom Building III on the main campus and the third class is conducted in Edwardsville at SIUE's Wagner Complex, Room 1019.

Eddy book cited.

"Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy was recently named as one of the 75 books by women whose words have changed the world.

As part of its 75th anniversary celebration, the Women's National Book Association asked its members from around the United States to respond to the question: What books have been most important in your life? Science and Health was one of the 75 books listed by WNBAA members.

In addition, this month Science and Health, the Christian Science textbook, is the subject of a special issue of The Christian Science Journal, a monthly religious magazine founded by Mary Baker Eddy in 1883 and published by The Christian Science Publishing Society.

"At a time when many churches are still struggling with the role of women in religion," points out William A. Moody, editor of the Journal, "Mary Baker Eddy's contribution over one hundred years ago is being acknowledged. In Science and Health, she brings out the deep spiritual importance of the basic themes of Biblical Christianity, such as salvation, sacrifice, sin, baptism, grace and redemption, and presents a scientific approach that brings healing and comfort."

Since its first publication in 1875, over 8,350,000 copies of Science and Health have been sold. Published in 17 languages by The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Science and Health had a 1991-92 sales record of more than 80,000 copies. It is available in bookstores, public libraries, Christian Science Reading Rooms and by calling 1-800-423-1300 from the U.S. and Canada.

"Because of the healing and transforming power of its message, Science and Health has been a bestseller for over 80 years," said Virginia S. Harris, publisher for the writings of Mary Baker Eddy, in the special issue of the Christian Science Journal. Science and Health addresses individuals of different ages, cultures, and economic and intellectual backgrounds. It speaks unconditionally of the naturalness of God's goodness. Science and Health and the special issue of The Christian Science Journal are available at the local Christian Science Reading Room located at 3142 Nameeki Road, Granite City. It is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

Coolidge honors two students

Two students from Coolidge Junior High were recently voted as the November "Student of the Month." Sarah Fielding, a seventh grader, proved herself "a bright spot in my day," said her social studies teacher, Cheryl Schuessler. "She is an excellent student and a caring person."

Fred SanSoucie, who is an eighth grader, is described by the school's librarian, Judy Hampton, as a "very reliable, hard working, library worker who sees what needs to be done and goes ahead with the tasks without being told to do it."

Students of the Month are chosen by the faculty using the following criteria: academics, behavior, attendance, citizenship, and school pride.

These students are rewarded with a free pizza from Domino's and a \$10 cash reward. In addition, on a given date, they will be seated at a special, decorated table in the lunch room with their friends and allowed to go first in line.

Sarah Fielding

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Garden Club celebrates Christmas

The Cloverview Garden Club held its Christmas party on Dec. 8 at Jerry's on the Green restaurant.

Six members attended the 12:30 p.m. luncheon. They were Marlene Brokaw, Lois Cruise, Linda Irwin, Gladys Gandoria, Marge O'Neil, and Cecil Johnson.

The Club Collect was read in unison and the response to roll call was naming favorite Christmas carols. "Show and tell" examples were "keepsake" Christmas ornaments and each member explained why it became a "keepsake."

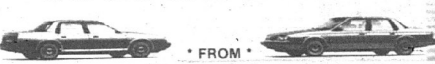
Vice President Cecil Johnson conducted a short business meeting after which chairman Cruise and O'Neil were in charge of games, assisted by Linda Irwin, with each one present receiving a prize. A "gift-exchange" followed to the tune of "Jingle Bells" with every one receiving a beautifully wrapped Christmas present.

Canned goods and food staples were later taken to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy families.

In addition, three of our "selected patients" at Colonial Care Center will each receive a Christmas decorated jar containing red and green pinwheel candies, assembled by member Marlene Brokaw.

The next meeting, on Jan. 12, will be hosted by Gladys Gandoria and the "study" will be an arrangement reflecting the artistry of "Colors at Work" to be given by Lois Cruise.

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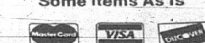
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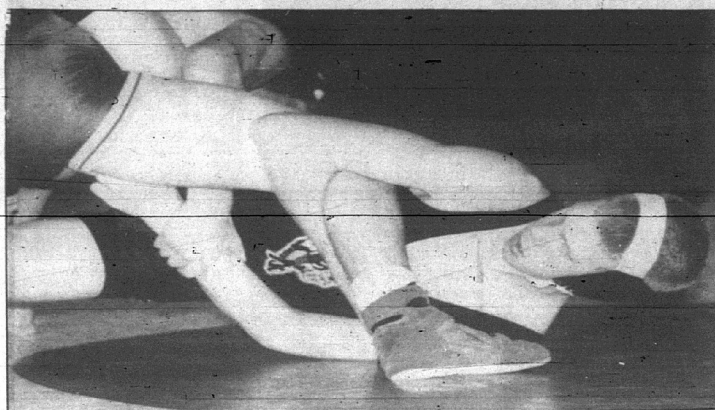
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Granite City wrestler John Venne won by fall Friday night in the Warriors' victory over Belleville East.

Warriors' conditioning paces dual win over Belleville East

Granite City wrestlers improve to 11-0

By Tony Panózzo
Staff writer

Superior conditioning has paid off time after time for the Granite City High School wrestling team.

In a 46-12 dual-meet victory over Belleville East on Friday night, Granite City's edge in conditioning was made apparent once again. Two individual matches went into overtime during a long, bruising dual, and both ended with the Warriors on top.

The Warriors recorded their third Southwestern Conference victory, setting the stage for a dual meet with Collinsville later this month to decide the conference title.

The Warriors surrendered just three matches and won convincingly. But without overtime wins

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103 — Chris Hogan (GC) pinned Joel Petty 4:48. 112 — Tim Fulkerson (GC) def. Kevin Trapp 6:2. 119 — Mike Meryberry (BE) def. Pat Schaefer 7:4. 126 — T.J. Slay (GC) def. Marcus Myers 7:6. 130 — John Venns (GC) pinned Matt Eskant 3:40. 135 — Jamie Kirby (GC) def. Harvey Taylor 11:9 (OT). 140 — Tony Stewart (BE) def. Jeff Estrada 7:5. 152 — Joe Scott (GC) def. Todd Dumbroski 8:6 (OT). 160 — Tony Buchek (GC) pinned Jason Garman 2:21. 171 — Jeff Witter (GC) def. Mike Bovich 13:5. 189 — Andy Richards (GC) pinned Aaron Littlejohn 5:26. 275 — Chris Janek (GC) pinned Phil Jones 3:41.

by Jamie Kirby (135 pounds) and Joe Scott (145) — and several other close wins that went the Warriors' way — the outcome could have been a bit different. Granite City improved to 11-0 in dual meets. All year, coach Mike Garland has said a big fac-

tor in his team's success has been conditioning. His words came true again Friday.

"If you take away the overtime matches and a couple other wins, it's a lot closer," Garland said. "But that didn't happen. When you're in good shape, mentally and physically, you win the match. It's our conditioning."

After Granite City defeated Harvey Taylor 11-9, Belleville East's Tony Stewart edged Jeff Estrada 7-4 in the 140-pound match. Scott then defeated Todd Dumbroski 8-6 in overtime.

After Belleville East's Joe Ballard pinned Mike Grubbs at 1:21 in the 152-pound match, the Warriors wrapped up the meet with pins by Tony Buchek at 160, Andy Richards at 189 and Chris Janek at 275.

Belleville East coach Norm (See Wrestlers, Page 4B)

Warriors outscore Garcia — not Kahoks

Granite City cagers struggle offensively, fall to Collinsville

By David Wilhelm
Staff writer

Pat Curry's three-point play with 55 seconds remaining in Friday's game against visiting Collinsville assured Granite City of one thing: it outscored Kahoks sophomore Cory Garcia.

The 6-foot-8 Garcia scored 26 of his game-high and personal-best 35 points in the second half, helping the Kahoks to a 60-38 victory over the offense-starved Warriors.

"He's a big young man and we can't defend him," said Granite City coach John Van Buskirk. "We were scared of him inside and we were scared of (Collinsville's) 3-point shooters. We didn't do a bad job. It's our offense. We're just having trouble scoring."

"That's Collinsville's style. They're going to go to Garcia."

You're going to see that for two and a half more years. That's never going to change. Somehow, we have to find a way to stop that. He's just going to get better and better. That's what scares you."

Garcia's big game was a continuation of his solid play in the Collinsville-Schnucks Holiday Classic, where he scored 86 points in leading the Kahoks to a second-place finish.

"He's got to get better," said Collinsville coach Bob Bone. "He played well tonight, but he's still got a lot of room for improvement. He's got to keep working. If he does, he's got a chance to be an awfully good player."

Friday's win improved Collinsville to 9-3 overall and 3-0 in the Southwestern Conference. Granite City, which lost its sixth straight game, dropped to 2-8 and 0-3.

Garcia had nine points at halftime, and the Kahoks — despite four 3-pointers by Granite City — led 22-18. But Bone was anything but thrilled with his team's play, particularly after it raced out to a quick 9-0 lead.

"I thought after we made that initial 9-0 run, we really lost our composure and lost track of what we were trying to do," said Bone. "Our execution level just went way down. As a result, (Granite City) made a run and got right back in it."

"I really got upset with our kids in the second quarter when they started pressing us. We couldn't even get our positioning right on the floor, where we wanted to be. That's mental. That's not a physical error. We can't continue to have mental errors."

Bone's halftime message to the Kahoks was simple: Get the

ball inside to Garcia. They did, and Garcia responded.

"I told them that before the game," said Bone. "We just kind of reiterated it at halftime and got a little bit more specific about what they were supposed to do. We wanted to do that from the outset. We thought it was an advantage we had. Our first couple of possessions, I think we did get him the ball and we got some baskets. Then all of a sudden, it left us."

"We got him the ball in better position (in the second half). In the first half when we did get him the ball, we didn't get him the ball where we should have. Part of it was (Garcia's) fault; part of it was ours. The second half, I thought we really executed well."

The Kahoks needed Garcia's outburst, because senior Joe (See Cagers, Page 3B)

Lady Warriors overcome slow start to beat Kahoks

By Scott Wuerz
Correspondent

Points were few and far between in the girls' basketball game between Granite City and Collinsville on Friday night.

Good players, however, find a way to overcome adversity. The visiting Lady Warriors did so to the delight of coach Allen Lobdell.

The Lady Warriors (9-5) struggled to a 6-2 lead after one period on the shoulders of senior forward Stephanie Kult, who kept Granite City above water until leading scorer Jamie Cavanaugh found her shot in the second

half. Kult scored four of Granite City's six points in the first quarter and then took over underneath the boards. She amassed 12 rebounds in the game, often giving the Lady Warriors second- and third-chances — a luxury Collinsville had to do without.

Kult opened the Granite City lead up to 20-10 early in the second quarter with a 3-foot jumper. The Kahoks answered with a three-pointer from Krista Esker, but Kult took a backdoor pass from Dana Dresch to regain the 10-point advantage and spark a

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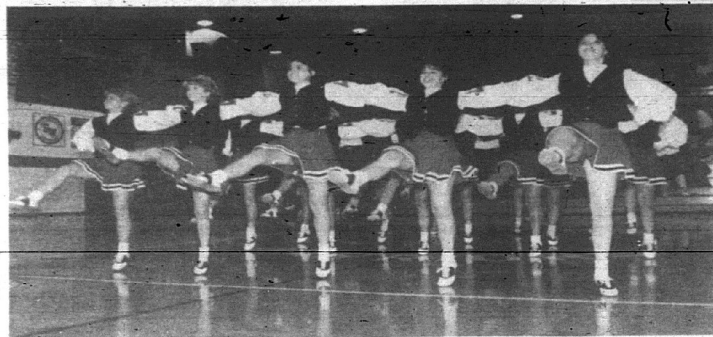
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ABOVE — The Granite City High School pom-pom squad performs a routine at mid court during halftime of the Warriors' home opener against East St. Louis. **LEFT:** Venice High cheerleaders Tiffany Taylor (left) and Tekoah Wellmaker get the fans going during the Red Devils' game against Sumner. **RIGHT:** Venice fans play the sixth man from the stands. **TOP RIGHT:** Venice cheerleader Summer Williams leads the squad. **BELOW:** Granite City stat girls keep up with the action (from left): Julie Boron, Cortney Johnston and Tiffany Farley. All three are freshmen.



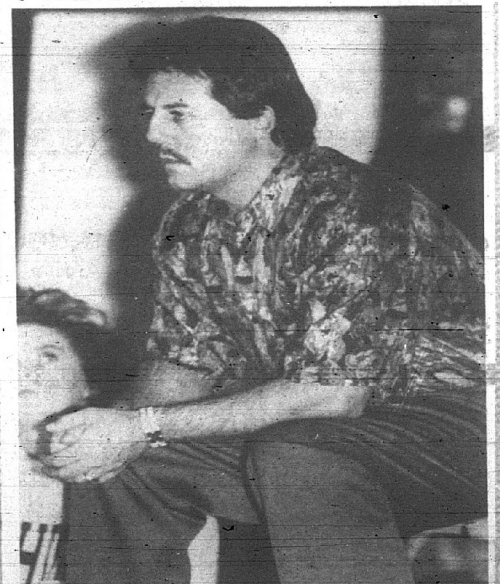
BELOW: — Venice guard Wilbert Glasper drives with the ball in a game at the Freeburg/Columbia Holiday Tournament. **BOTTOM:** The Granite City rifle squad entertains the Warriors fans at a recent game.



ABOVE: — Granite City hockey player Rick Whyres drives up the ice with the puck. Whyres, a senior defenseman, has nine goals this year.



ABOVE: — Two Granite City freshmen, Robert Mink (left) and Rick Jones, perform volunteer work at the Holiday Tournament. Both helped tabulate team scores during the two-day event. **BELOW:** Stefanie Jacobs (left) and Kimm Holloway type in wrestling scores at the tournament.



ABOVE: — Granite City wrestling coach Mike Garland watches his team participate in the 32nd annual Granite City Holiday Tournament. The Warriors placed second in the meet to Oakville and produced two champions, Chris Hogan and T.J. Slay.

Wrestlers

(Continued from Page 1B)

Dahn, whose team dropped to 6-5, said he thought the meet could have been closer if some of the lower weights could have gone the Lancers way.

"The score's a little deceiving," Dahn said. "There were a lot of close matches tonight."

"(But) you can't take anything away from them, they're a great team. They have an outstanding program. They came out very determined."

It appeared at first that the Warriors would walk away after 103-pounder Chris Hogan pinned Joel Petty and Tim Fuikerson defeated Kevin Trapp 12-2 at 112.

But, in the next match, at 119, Pat Scheffer lost to Belleville East's Mike Mayberry 7-4 in a grueling battle. It was just the third loss of the year for Scheffer, a two-time state qualifier.

Mayberry sealed the win with

a late takedown. He has now defeated two state-ranked wrestlers this year. Earlier this season, he edged Moline's Eric Collins, Collins 25 just behind Scheffer in the state rankings.

"He's really come along this year," Dahn said of Mayberry. "We're really happy with him. He was able to score at the end, which showed a lot on his part. Scheffer's a real tough kid."

"He just got beat on his feet tonight. (Mayberry) is no slouch. He's just an unknown."

The Warriors, 7-3, stay rebounded with a hard-fought 7-5 win over Marcus Myers. John Venne followed with a pin at 130. Kirby then jumped out to an

8-0 lead at 135 before his opponent, Taylor, came back strong in the third period to tie the score and force overtime. Kirby scored the first takedown in overtime to win.

"I wasn't pleased with Kirby having a bad third period, but he still came back and sucked it up," Garland said.

The Warriors, for a change, were more dominating in the higher weights. Buchek, Richards and Janek all pinned their opponents, and Jeff Witter defeated Mike Boych 13-5 at 171.

While Garland was pleased with the win, he said the Warriors need to improve on their technique as they head into the second part of the season.

"If you can wrestle like this and still win, that's fine," Garland said. "But we have to wrestle better on our feet. We need to improve a little on our technique."

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Dieters can weigh in with artificial sweeteners for affordability of calories

By Linda Blumenberg
Artificial sweeteners were developed originally for use in diabetic diets. However, their primary purpose today is to reduce calories and control weight.

Many overweight people see "sweets" as their downfall and believe the use of artificial sweeteners will help them shed unwanted pounds. However, whether artificial sweeteners help control weight is being debated.

Some research reports successful weight loss among users, while other work does not. Nutritionists and health professionals caution against the temptation to subscribe to the trade-off theory, as in "if I drink a diet soda, I can eat this hot fudge sundae."

A more successful weight control strategy is to use artificially sweetened foods instead of sugary, high-fat foods like doughnuts, pastries or candy.

In substituting artificial sweeteners for sugar, it is important to remember that sugar affects more than taste, especially in baked products.

Sugar improves texture and volume, increases tenderness and browning in cakes, breads, cookies and similar foods. It acts as food for yeast, so yeast breads may not rise as much or as quickly without some sugar.

Sugar acts as a preservative in jams, jellies and some pickles. County extension offices have information on using artificial sweeteners in these foods.

The safety of artificial sweeteners also has been scrutinized. Reviews by the Food and Drug Administration, the American Medical Association and the National Academy of Sciences conclude that three sweeteners currently on the market in the United States—saccharin, aspartame and acesulfame-K—are safe for most people.

One exception is the small number of people born with phenylketonuria, or PKU. They cannot metabolize phenylalanine, an ingredient in aspartame. Products that contain aspartame must carry a warning to alert people with PKU so they can avoid this sweetener.

Here are some practical tips to help choose the best product of the three sweeteners for a specific need:

• Saccharin is the oldest and least expensive of the low-calorie sweeteners. It is sold under such brand names as Sweet 'n Low and Sweet 10. Because it is not affected by heat, saccharin can be used in cooking and baking, but it may leave a bitter aftertaste when used as the sole sweetener in a product. Saccharin is 300 times sweeter than sugar. Twelve packets of Sweet 'n Low is equal to the sweetness

of 1 cup sugar. With Sweet 10, a liquid, 2 tablespoons equals 1 cup sugar.

• Aspartame is sold under the brand names NutraSweet and Equal. It is the least stable when exposed to high temperatures and may lose sweetness over time. Its sweetness is affected by acidity as well. Despite these drawbacks, the NutraSweet company has developed a few recipes that successfully use the sweetener in baking, some of them for a microwave to cut heating time. Aspartame is 180 times sweeter than sugar. It is available in both packets and tablets. One packet or tablet is equal to the sweetness of 2 teaspoons sugar. Twenty-four packets equals the sweetness of 1 cup sugar, but large amounts of the sweetener do not multiply exactly from the smaller amount.

• Acesulfame-K is the newest and most heat-stable sweetener to enter the market. The Stett Corporation, which manufactures it under the brand names Sunette and Sweet One, recommends using a combination of sugar and artificial sweetener when cooking. By using half the sugar a recipe calls for and substituting the other half with an equivalent amount of Sunette, the texture and bulk imparted by sucrose is kept the same,

while sugar calories are cut in half. Acesulfame-K is 200 times sweeter than sugar, with 12 packets equal to 1 cup sugar. Again, it is wise to experiment to gain acceptable similar sweetness in large quantities.

Additional information and free recipe brochures are available at toll-free numbers for all four products. The number for Pillsbury, which makes Sweet 10, is (800) 767-4466. Call (800) 321-7254 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the NutraSweet Co. Information on Sweet 'n Low and Sunette is available by calling either (800) 231-1123 or (800) 544-8610.

This Carrot-Pineapple Bread from the NutraSweet Co. would be good for breakfast instead of a sugary pastry.

Carrot-pineapple bread with apricot sauce

1 1/2 cups flour
27 packets Equal sweetener
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup grated carrot (about 1 medium)
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup drained, crushed pineapple
2 eggs
1/4 cup chopped nuts

Apricot sauce

8 packets Equal sweetener
1 tbsp. cornstarch
1 cup apricot nectar
2 or 3 drops lemon juice

Mix flour, 27 packets Equal, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Stir in carrot, oil, pineapple, eggs and nuts until dry ingredients are moistened. Four into microwave-safe tube pan. Let set 10 minutes.

Microwave, uncovered, on medium-high (70 percent) power 5 minutes or until toothpick inserted off center comes out clean. If toothpick is not clean, microwave about 1 minute longer. Parts of cake will appear moist but will continue to cook while standing. Let stand a few minutes. Remove to rack.

For sauce, combine 8 packets Equal and cornstarch in 2-cup glass measure. Stir in apricot nectar and lemon juice. Microwave on high power 2 to 3 minutes until mixture is thick and clear, stirring once. Let stand 5 minutes. Spread over cooled bread.

Yields 16 servings, 155 calories each. Diabetic exchange: 1/2 fruit, 1 starch, 1 fat.

Rally around beanless chili for savory stew's warm touch

Stew—and America's favorite interpretation of it, chili—is a winter staple. It is a family pleaser that is prepared easily with a long, slow simmer.

Beanless Colorado Chunky Beef Chili can be made in a plentiful batch, then customized by individuals as they eat or warm it.

It can be ladled into a choice of crisp tortilla shells or bowls, then tailored with a colorful array of toppings, including black beans, shredded lettuce, cilantro, cheese, sliced jalapeños and scallions, diced avocado and sour cream.

Accompaniments to the chili feature corn muffins and corn sticks, warm tortillas and crusty bread. A bright assortment of raw vegetables with a tangy dip and roasted 'fresh' vegetables with a flavorful vinaigrette salad dressing complete a complementary blend of colors, textures and temperatures.

It can be prepared well in advance of serving, then frozen. Thaw it overnight in the refrigerator and heat gently, stirring occasionally, before serving piping hot with the toppings.

Colorado chunky beef chili

2 1/2 lb. boneless beef chuck roast, cut in 1/2 inch pieces
2 tbsp. oil
1 cup coarsely chopped onion
1 cup chopped green bell pepper
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tsp. salt
2 cans (16 oz. each) tomatoes
1 can (8 oz.) tomato paste
3 tbsp. chili powder
1 tsp. leaf oregano
1/4 to 1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper
Tortilla shells crisped in oven
Shredded cheddar, sliced green onion, fresh cilantro, drained and rinsed black beans, dairy sour cream, diced avocado, sliced jalapeño pepper
Heat oil in large skillet or Dutch oven over medium heat. Cook beef, onion, green pepper and garlic until beef is evenly browned. Pour off drippings. Sprinkle salt over beef. Add tomatoes with juice, tomato paste, chili powder, oregano and crushed red pepper. Reduce heat. Simmer, lightly covered, 1 1/2 hours or until beef is tender. Serve in tortilla shells or soup bowls with choice of toppings. Yields 7 cups.

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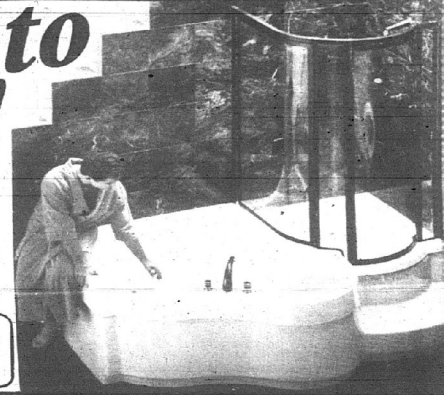
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Sloppy officiating in sports frustrates fans on replays

By Ian MacBryde
Correspondent

Those of you as absorbed as I am by televised sports already may have come to this conclusion, but based on TV replays, I believe that football referees are awful and baseball umpires are better than most of believe.

The demise of the instant replay in pro football probably came about because of the enormous amount of time which it took to use. But replays still happen, of course, for the benefit of the television audience, if not the game itself. And the cameras focused the attention of millions of viewers on bad calls during the holiday orgy of football.

Alabama was the victim of at least one awful call in the Sugar Bowl but won the national championship anyway. The series of official errors during the Syracuse-Ohio State game, and one dreadful non-call (receiver went out of bounds) may have propelled the Buffalo Bills to that incredible comeback over the Houston Oilers in their playoff game.

I recognize that there is a great deal more going on in a football game which needs official attention than there is in a baseball game, but some of these things happen right in front of the officiating. Anyway, the point is that sometimes I think the integrity of the game would be preserved if we got only one look at the action (as

the officials do).

Of course, I recognize that most of us get a lot better look at the game through the use of the replays, and I like them despite my frustration with officiating.

By the way, baseball replays (Don Denkinger notwithstanding) normally indicate that the umpire made the right call. I can't leave the subject of officiating and TV sports without taking a crack at ESPN's Dick Vitale on basketball. Vitale has become a caricature of himself, much as Howard Cosell did in an earlier day. In the closing moments of the recent Duke-Oklahoma game with the score tied, a Duke player went up for a short shot and was mugged by the Oklahoma defender. The officials ignored the action.

"Good no-call," Vitale said. "Make them win it in overtime not on the foul line." Which is the same general philosophy implemented by hockey officials and generally applauded by sports television people who are fond of saying, "The officials want to let the players decide it."

In other words, the officials change the rules late in the game by ignoring infractions they call earlier. The philosophy of the officials, of course, is not within the purview of this space. The endorsement of it, however, by the folks who are paid to provide commentary, is.

Just wondering
Just wondering, by a guy who

largely ignored entertainment programming during the holiday (a-favor of family and sports, why do we need three, even, three versions of the Army Fisher story — one per network — within the space of about a week?)

I guess for the same reason that, most favor of a given day include the same stories and often lead with the same item. It's hot stuff.

Maybe it was. Fortunately, I missed all three chances to see it.

Just wondering... why do so many action shows on television feature conversations between men in the men's room doing what it is that men in the men's room do?

And what about this little guy in the Fruit of the Loom commercials? And his dad? Exploitation is not just a female thing, I guess.

Just wondering... why do broadcast people invariably call it a "good day on Wall Street" when the market goes up, and a "bad day" when the market goes down, despite the fact that, for any number of reasons, it may have been a bad day or a good day for individual investors whichever way the market went.

It's all part of being "folksy," I guess, and objectivity be damned.

Ian MacBryde is an independent video producer and former television executive.



Peter's Friends' includes a cast of characters who reunite for a New Year's celebration. From left, back row are Carol (Rita Rudner), Andrew (Kenneth Branagh), Maggie (Emma Thompson), Peter (Stephen Fry), Mary (Imelda Staunton), Roger (Hugh Laurie), Front row, Paul (Alex Lowe), Sarah (Alphonsia Emmanuel), Brian (Tony Slattery) and Vera (Phyllida Law).

'Peter's Friends' — 'Big Chill' in England

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

The talented Kenneth Branagh produced, directed and stars in "Peter's Friends," a flip little story of a Christmas reunion among chums in England.

Comparisons to Lawrence Kasdan's big hit from 1983, "The Big Chill," are obvious. It is also

obvious that the latter film is a much better picture.

The film opens at a crusty New Year's Eve party in London. The year is 1982. Six gaudily, cross-dressed university students are providing silly musical entertainment for a very unappreciative crowd of half-drunk, half-awake, aged revelers.

The story then jumps ahead 10 years to a country estate in,

England owned by an eccentric young gentleman, played by Stephen Fry. He recently inherited the estate and plans to bring some of his favorite people, all ex-college friends who were together that New Year's Eve in 1982, together again for a Christmas weekend reunion.

Among the arrivals are a television sitcom star and her writer-husband, played by Rita Rudner and Branagh; a lonely young woman who leaves Polaroids of herself around her apartment so her cat won't get lonely, played by Emma Thompson (Mrs. Branagh in real life); two successful advertising jingle writers who are trying to recover from the death of one of their children, played by Hugh Laurie and Imelda Staunton; and a couple of sex-crazed lovers, played by Alphonsia Emmanuel and Tony Slattery.

The weekend is cheerful and funny at first, but then the expected problems reveal themselves. Death, AIDS and alcoholism are just three of the dread issues "Peter's Friends" wallows in.

Rudner and her husband, Martin Bergman, wrote the screenplay, which gives Rudner all the best lines. Gratefully, she knows how to deliver them. But her humor and a couple of supporting roles aside, "Peter's Friends" is a painfully derivative work that eventually ends in a waterfall of misfortune.

Not exactly the way to spend the holidays, any way you look at it.



Carol (Rita Rudner), left, consults Maggie (Emma Thompson) on the elements of style, in "Peter's Friends."

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Some songs have been recorded with 'taste'

By Bill Beggs
Correspondent

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1. Reaching No. 2 in *Billboard* in 1968, "Lollipop" was a sweet success for what "girl" group?

2. Who spun No. 1 pop sugar in 1972 with "The Candy Man," and what movie was it taken from?

3. What was the early 1982 No. 1 hit for Joey Dee & The Starliners?

4. Who hit No. 1 in 1968 with the sweet and gooey "Honey"?

5. What was The Rolling Stones' No. 1 hit in 1971?

6. The flavorfully named Strawberry Alarm Clock in 1967 hit No. 1 with what song whose title was at least half-tasty?

7. With what tropical flavor did Nilsson make it to No. 8 in 1972?

8. What was a No. 2 hit in 1985 for Prince?

9. Brothers Johnson hit No. 5 in 1977 with "Strawberry Letter 23." What teen phenom had a Top 40 hit remake of the tune late in year?

10. Whipped up by producer/promoter Don Kirshner, what ad hoc band hit No. 1 in 1969 with "Sugar Sugar"? (Extra credit: What soul legend hit No. 25 with the song the following year?)

ANSWERS: 1. The Chordettes 2. Sammy Davis Jr. "Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory" 3. "Peppermint Twist" 4. Bobby Goldsboro's "Brown Sugar" 5. "Incense And Peppermint Cats" 6. "Raspberry Beret" 7. Tevin Campbell 10. The Archies (Extra credit: Wilson Pickett)

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Expanded program may help some Medicare beneficiaries

By Bill Hunsot
Social Security Administration

I recently read that the Medicare premium is increasing to \$66.60 in 1993. I can barely get by on the little Social Security I get now. I'm thinking about dropping Medicare so I don't have to worry about that premium anymore. Is there any way I can be helped?

A. Help is on the way. The government has started expanding a program that pays monthly medical insurance (Part B) premiums for low-income Medicare beneficiaries. The program, called Specified Low-income Medicare Benefits (SLMB), will pay the Part B premium for people whose income is slightly more than the national poverty level. SLMB augments existing medical assistance programs like Medicaid and Qualified Medicare Benefits (QMB) which provide more comprehensive help to the most impoverished people.

Not everyone qualifies for SLMB. There are income and resource limits. An individual's income must be less than \$645 per month. A couple's income must be less than \$863 per month. Resource limits are \$4,000 for individuals and \$6,000 for couples, but many assets don't count as resources for SLMB purposes. For example, the home where you live does not count.

I know this will sound strange, but although SLMB is a federal program, the same all over the country, only your state government can decide if you are eligible for help from the SLMB program. If you have Medicare and you need more information about SLMB, contact your state social services agency (Family Services in Missouri, Public Aid in Illinois). Or call the Health Care Financing Administration's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-633-6333.

Q. I was told that I can't get disability benefits from Social Security because I haven't worked in the past 20 years. I have always heard that you need only 40 quarters of work to qualify for Social Security. Which is right?

A. Forty work credits (also known as quarters) are all you need to qualify for Social Security retirement benefits if you are age 62 or older. It doesn't matter when you earn your 40 credits.

Disability benefits are different. One of the requirements to get disability benefits from Social Security is that you must have a certain amount of recent

work. People age 31 or older must have 20 work credits in the 40 calendar quarters prior to becoming disabled. In other words, about five years of work in the last 10 years. People younger than 31 don't need 20 out of 40, but must have worked about half the time from age 21 to the time they became disabled. Even if you are very severely disabled, you must also have the required work credits to qualify for Social Security disability benefits. If you are disabled and you can't qualify for Social Security, find out about Supplemental Security Income (SSI). SSI is paid to people who are disabled regardless of how much they've worked.

Q. I began drawing Social Security benefits in 1989 and age 62. I am still working and paying Social Security taxes. Will these additional taxes ever increase my benefits?

A. Social Security will recalculate your benefits whenever your earnings appear on your earnings record. Since you were born in 1927, your benefits are based on your highest 33 years of earnings. The Social Security tax you pay now will increase if your new year of earnings is higher than a year before in computing your benefit.

Fifteen years ago this month, on May 20, 1977, Jim Carter signed the package of amendments to the Social Security Act which is called the most important Social Security legislation since the program was established.

Not only was it important, it certainly became the most controversial. The most famous result of the 1977 amendments was the COLA.

The 1977 amendments created the COLA, which is a cost-of-living adjustment. Officially, the COLA was created to compensate for inflation and would push Social Security toward bankruptcy.

In effect, the correction cut benefits for all future Social Security recipients. This outraged many people who were near retirement age and had been counting on the higher level of benefits. Critics characterized the COLA as a notch.

In a statement signing the amendments into law, Carter cited the financial crisis facing the Social Security system. The program, he said, was being compounded by high inflation and unemployment, and declines in birth rates. Changes

had to be made to save Social Security.

There was much more to the amendments than just the COLA. Several portions of the law were of great importance to women. All references to the sex of applicants were removed from the Social Security Act. As a result, men and women are now treated equally by the Social Security system. The new law permitted widows and widowers who had reached age 60 to reapply without losing Social Security benefits.

It also allowed divorced spouses who were married for at least 10 years to get Social Security benefits on their husbands' or wives' Social Security record.

A large tax increase accompanied the amendments described above, and Carter believed that the 1977 amendments would protect the Social Security system for future generations.

He was too optimistic. Six years later, another amendment was needed to save the system from another financial crisis.

Q. A neighbor recently told me he's thinking of moving to Spain and then asked if his Social Security checks could be sent there. I sure don't know. Can you tell us?

A. United States citizens can get U.S. Social Security no matter where they live.

And because of international treaties, citizens of Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Spain, the United Kingdom and several other countries also can get U.S. Social Security benefits even if they move out of the U.S.

Of course, they must have worked at least 10 years in employment covered by our Social Security system and must meet all of our other requirements for benefits.

If your neighbor is not a U.S. citizen, is present in his Social Security benefits may be deducted from his check for U.S. taxes while he lives in Spain.

For more details call 1-800-772-1213 and ask for a copy of a free booklet called "Your Social Security checks while you are outside the United States."

For your information, here's how Social Security spends each tax dollar.

- 54 cents for retirement benefits.
- 16 cents saved for future retirement benefits.
- 20 cents for survivors' benefits.
- 9 cents for disability benefits.
- 1 cent for administrative costs.

Leather protective spray being recalled

Wilsons Suede & Leather Inc., which operates nearly 800 stores nationwide, is recalling its Leather Protector Spray after several hundred customers reported symptoms of poisoning when using the spray to treat clothing.

St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton received a telephone call from a man complaining of sickness after using the spray, said Tina Zumwalt of the hospital's Community Relations Department.

"We advised him to come in, but he never showed up," Zumwalt said. "That's the only call we've had about it, and no one has been admitted."

Five members of a St. Peters, Mo., family were treated for sickness Sunday at St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles, Mo., after using the spray on leather jackets they received for Christmas.

Richard Nault, 46, was admitted to the intensive care unit for chemically induced pneumonia. He was discharged Monday. Four members of his family were treated and released Sunday.

Wilsons Suede and Leather, which is based in Minneapolis, is one of the nation's largest retailers of leather apparel. A manager at Wilsons at St. Clair Square refused to comment on the recall.

Customers have reported the spray has caused headaches, shortness of breath and coughing. Others have complained of nausea, fever and tightness and burning in their chests.

Wilsons representatives said problems were reported only with a new formula of the spray, but the chain was removing all cans from its shelves, asking customers to return those already bought.

The company is conducting its own investigation.

"Until we've completed that investigation, we are voluntarily pulling the product from all stores," said Wilsons Vice President Paul Tomlinson.

About 350,000 cans of the spray have been sold since last month, Tomlinson said. Another 275,000 were on store shelves or in warehouses, he said.

Customers are urged to return the product for a full refund, Tomlinson said. Anyone with questions can call Wilsons collect at (612) 541-3561.

The spray is manufactured by Vanguard Chemical Corp. in St. Louis. The company has stopped production of the spray until the investigation is completed.

"This is a big mystery. It came as a real shock," said Tom Trout, head chemist of Vanguard, which employs about 25 people. "Each one of the ingredients is benign. We have been working around it for months and none of us have experienced a problem with it."

Vanguard's contract with Wilsons accounts for about 40 percent of the chemical company's business, Trout said.

"If this goes sour, it could hurt us real bad," he said. "You hate to be held responsible for making people sick. We've got our hands on just about all the resources we have trying to figure this out."

"Needless to say, I'm not sleeping well anymore."

Several state and city health departments across the nation are conducting investigations, Trout said. No local health officials are involved in the investigations.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Sangamon proposed as part of SIU

SPRINGFIELD — Southern Illinois University could annex Sangamon State University in Springfield under the latest plan being floated by a state task force.

The report this spring from a task force examining the organization of state universities is expected to recommend keeping SIU campuses independent and may recommend allowing SIU to annex Sangamon State, said Jim Bray, chief of staff to Lt. Gov. Robert Kustra, task force co-chairman.

The task force has discarded a proposal made in June to form new groupings of state universities.

The plan would have lumped the SIU campuses at Edwardsville and Carbondale with Illinois State University and Northern Illinois University. Sangamon State would have become part of the University of Illinois.

The new plan would abolish the current Board of Regents and Board of Governors systems that operate two sets of state universities. It would give the individual universities separate governing boards, except for Sangamon State, Bray said. Sangamon State is now part of the Regents system.

The top man at SIU likes the idea of annexing Sangamon State, which has about 4,000 students and offers degrees up to the graduate level.

"At this point, indeed, it looks like a comfortable fit," SIU Chancellor James Brown said Jan. 6. The legislature and governor would have to approve the plan for it to go into effect.

Brown said the SIU board has indicated that, if the latest proposal is approved, the board would go along with the idea. "It's something they could view favorably," he said.

The fact SIU has a medical school in Springfield is a major reason the mix could be successful, Brown said.

He said health science courses offered at Sangamon State could be better coordinated with the medical school.

The transfer of some pre-medical courses now offered at SIU at Carbondale to Springfield might also be considered if Sangamon State became part of SIU, Brown said.

Officials from both SIU and the University of Illinois will be asked to provide information to the task force on the advantages of their respective institutions acquiring Sangamon State as a Springfield campus.

Kustra has long advocated abolishing what he considers duplicative and expensive administrative bureaucracy at the Regents and Board of Governors.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Parenting sometimes requires help

By Jane Cosby
Correspondent

Not many people would apply for a job that requires being on duty 24 hours a day, provides no monetary compensation and has high levels of stress, despite offering great emotional rewards.

Yet this describes the job of being a parent. Small wonder then that parents sometimes may need outside help with their children.

Admitting you cannot handle a problem is never easy, but when your child's behavior is involved it can be an extremely difficult admission.

Child psychologist Norma Doft has written a book to help parents who may be wrestling with this problem. In "When Your Child Needs Help: A Parent's Guide to Therapy" (Harmony Books, \$18) Doft provides parents with the professional's perspective on therapy for children. The book tells parents when to seek professional help, what to look for in a therapist and what to expect during their child's therapy. It also offers an important portrait of children and their feelings, and the importance of play in working out those feelings.

In her book Doft tries to help parents distinguish between normal difficult phases of childhood

and periods of stress that the family may be unable to control without outside help.

She offers the following questions for parents to consider in making the decision about whether outside professional help is needed for their child.

• Is my child experiencing prolonged and intense discomfort? A child can become stuck in certain ways of behaving that are causing him pain and may be unable to change by himself or with the help of his parents.

• How long has the problem been going on and how intense is it? Some problems can be dismissed as "age-appropriate," but parents need to consider the duration of the problem and how the child responds to parental efforts to control it or change it.

• Is my child's problem affecting other areas of his development? Professional help may be needed for problems that spill over from one area of your child's life into the day-to-day development—sleeping, eating, using the toilet, school performance and friendships.

Doft says that any problem that interferes with a child's ability to learn new skills or master problems in his life is going to affect his self-esteem and therefore requires a professional evaluation.

• Is the family affected by the child's problem? Children's prob-

lems can cause parental conflict and cause stress for siblings and other family members.

How a child manages stress depends on a number of variables, Doft says. The child's temperament, his personal vulnerabilities and other things that are happening in his life will affect his reaction to stress, she says.

Certain conditions can put a child at risk for needing professional help, Doft says. Among those conditions are divorce, learning disabilities, physical handicaps, a parent or parents who abuse drugs or alcohol and traumatic events like child abuse or the death of a loved one.

One important point Doft makes to parents is that therapy need not be a long-term solution. In many cases, she says, a one-time consultation may be all that is necessary, and she recommends this for parents who have doubts about seeking help for their child.

Jane Cosby is a former teacher and the mother of two.

If you have any questions or have a specific topic you would like to see covered in this column, please write to: ABC's For Parents, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Hoffman sees money as top issue

By Mike Mosser
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD — The central issue for the upcoming legislative session will be money, money, money according to state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville.

"We have to continue to keep the budget under control and find some solution to the spiraling cost of health care in this state," Hoffman said Friday.

He said the biggest problem confronting legislators is "how we can adequately fund state services and still be fiscally responsible."

Hoffman said he is currently drafting legislation that he will

be introducing in the spring session, but declined comment on what these issues will be until the bills are ready.

Ensuring continued funding of the preliminary study of a bridge linking Metro East to downtown St. Louis and the Scott Joint-Use Airforce Project are two issues Hoffman intends to keep his eye on.

The bridge study will determine suitable locations. He said actual construction probably wouldn't begin for about five years.

The Air Force project is converting Scott Air Force Base

from a military-only facility to a partially civilian venture allowing commercial flights.

Hoffman said both projects are vital to the future growth of the region.

He said the legislature will have to examine ways of cutting costs by reducing the size of the state bureaucracy.

As an example, he said the Illinois State Police, Conservation Police, Commerce Commission Police and Secretary of State Police could be consolidated into one unit to save money.

"We have to look at consolidation and reorganization in order to save money and still keep the quality of services that people want," Hoffman said.

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